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Russian soldiers invited, Brezhnev declares

MOSCOW, Feb. 22 (AP) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev denied Friday the Kremlin has carried out any military intervention in Afghanistan and said Soviet troops there would be withdrawn as soon as "outside interference" in that nation ceases.

Referring to U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who has pushed for a Moscow Olympics boycott in retaliation for Soviet moves in Afghanistan, Brezhnev asserted:

"Mr. Carter and his people know that there was no and is no Russian intervention in Afghanistan."

Brezhnev repeated Moscow's position that Soviet troops were invited into Afghanistan by the Marxist Kabul government under terms of a Soviet-Afghan treaty.

"We will be ready to commence withdrawal of troops as soon as all forms of outside interference against the people and government of Afghanistan are permanently terminated," the 73-year-old Soviet leader declared.

He added that "we and our allies will be able to stand up for ourselves and succeed in repelling any hostile allies."

Brezhnev appeared puffy-faced and tired, but he delivered his toughly worded 40-minute speech in a strong voice.

He accused the United States of increasing tension in the Middle East and Asia and said the Carter administration's reaction to "events in Afghanistan" was forcing Soviet troops to remain in Afghanistan.

Brezhnev contended that since the Soviet troops had been requested, "why then is Washington going into hysterics on a global scale? What are the aims of Washington in spreading lies about the Soviet war against Afghanistan?"

"Washington is only looking for a pretext for broadening its presence in Asia," he said.

"The main thing is that the United States has decided to create a network of military bases in the countries of the Indian Ocean, the countries of the Middle East and the countries of Africa."

"The United States wants to pump out unimpeded those countries' national wealth" and use military bases there for attacks against socialist countries, Brezhnev said.

At least three persons were killed Friday in Kabul where massive anti-Soviet protests were mounted despite almost continuous gunfire, according to foreign reports from the Afghan capital.

"The city appeared in the grips of crisis," said one report received in New Delhi. A separate report, whose source also declined to be identified, said there was a "fair amount" of shooting.

Foreign residents in Kabul were quoted as saying they saw Soviet troops and armored personnel carriers rushed into the capital and deployed outside government buildings.

Firing, occurring every few minutes, reportedly was heard throughout the morning, but there was no indication whether it was connected with three large street demonstrations.

Soviet MiG-21 jetfighters flew low over the city, buzzing the rooftops, reports said.

One report quoted a Western journalist who said he saw 2,000 persons waving green Islamic banners and shouting anti-Soviet slogans outside the Kabul municipal building in the center of the mile-high city.

Another protest of similar size was reported in the Sherpur section.

The demonstrations followed the start of a strike Thursday by merchants who closed their shops to display their opposition to the Soviet occupation.

Western diplomatic sources said the protest closures continued Friday.



King Khaled

Khaled sends message to Qatar ruler

RIYADH, Feb. 22 (SPA) — King Khaled sent a message from his hospital Friday, congratulating the ruler of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani, on the eighth anniversary of his accession.

The King, who was hospitalized Monday for a medical checkup after a slight indisposition.

"The King's health is good and there have been no further medical bulletins," an official of the Saudi Press Agency said.

The last statement on Khaled's health came Wednesday when Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi said the King's health was improving steadily and that he would be staying in hospital for a few days rest.

On Thursday an official announcement said the King received the country's religious leaders in hospital so they could be reassured about his health.

Dr. Jazairi stated Wednesday the medical checkup showed the King's indisposition was unconnected with his previous operations, including open heart surgery.

The King cabled his thanks to Kuwaiti Ruler Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al-Sabah for having wished him a speedy recovery.

Saudi Arabia to send Iran flood relief

RIYADH, Feb. 22 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia decided Friday to send aid to thousands of people made homeless by floods in southern Iran.

The decision was announced in a royal decree and said it will be taken to Iran by the Saudi Air Force. The floods last week killed at least 250 people and destroyed three quarters of the villages in Khuzestan, Iran's major oil producing province.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has also decided to send tents and blankets to Khuzestan, the official Emirates news agency said.

Donations to Afghans

Meanwhile, according to the latest count, Thursday the public in Saudi Arabia had donated SR24,429,930 to Afghan freedom fighters. Prince Salman, the governor of Riyadh and chairman of the committee set up to receive public donations for Afghan fighters, Thursday received an additional SR869,930 from the public in donations ranging from SR25 to SR138,500. The money came from individuals, companies and institutes.

Cars to Sanaa

Saudi Arabia also gave North Yemen 177 cars and other aid, it was learned Thursday. Saudi Ambassador to North Yemen Sheikh Tarrad Al-Harethi said that the Yemeni Ministry of Interior has received 177 cars, 1,000 blankets and three street planning machines as a gift from the Saudi Ministry of Interior.

Toward PLO

Dutch shift M.E. stance

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Feb. 22 (AP) — A gradual change in official and public attitudes in the Netherlands to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the Middle East was underlined this week by a meeting in Damascus between a high level government official and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Government officials here were quick to emphasize the meeting was not "official," though approved by the foreign ministry.

To label the meeting official would be to imply recognition of the PLO, said one government source, and "we cannot do that while their avowed aim is the destruction of the state of Israel."

However, the meeting between Naboth Van Dijk, head of the Dutch foreign ministry's Directorate for Africa and the Middle East, and Abdel Hassan Abu Maizer, a member of the PLO's executive committee and head of its international affairs department, was initiated by the Dutch.

It followed informal contacts between Dutch ambassadors and officials with the PLO over the past year or so, within the framework of the dialogue between the European Economic Community and the Arab League and the Dutch participation in the U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon. Last month a group of Dutch parliamentarians met PLO leader Yasser Arafat during a visit to Syria and Lebanon.

The Damascus meeting Monday was part of an effort by the Netherlands, traditionally pro-Israeli, to cultivate contacts with the PLO to achieve an even-handed policy. The official PLO news agency Wafa said the talks were "frank and friendly" and "considered ways and means of expanding bilateral relations between the PLO and Holland."

But the Dutch foreign ministry added that Van Dijk also asked the PLO to consider its expressed attitude to Israel. The meeting came three and a half months after the Dutch Parliament called on the government to make more contacts with the PLO in a motion that reflected a slow but perceptible change in the Dutch view toward the Middle East, and the Israeli-Palestinian situation.

Government and other sources said traditional sympathy for the state of Israel is no longer taken for granted in the Netherlands. More people are now aware of the position of the Palestinians and many believe they should no longer be denied the right of an independent state.

A recent survey indicated that no fewer than 91 per cent of Dutchmen think the Palestinians have a right to their own state, but still 57 per cent of those questioned said they had much sympathy for Israel.

Only three per cent said they had no sympathy at all for Israel.

A similar survey in 1977 indicated that 43 per cent of the Dutch were in favor of a Palestine state. Though the figures are not directly comparable because of the different wording of questions, they show clearly that

appreciation of the Palestinian cause has increased sharply over the past few years.

Both Israeli and Palestinian supporters in the Netherlands agree there have been changes in attitudes and policies in favor of the Palestinians, but they differ over the reasons.

One Israeli source attributed the change to Holland's need "to keep friendly with the people who produce the oil."

For its part, the Dutch foreign ministry said though Holland was the only country in Europe affected by a direct boycott during the 1973-74 oil crisis, it was not oil alone that had brought changes.

Rather, the ministry said, it is the "whole question of the conflict in the Middle East. Last year the government registered its disapproval over the Israeli policy of building settlements in occupied territories and the bombing of Southern Lebanon."

Kronzy Naftanil head of the Israeli Center for Information and Documentation here, said the Dutch had become more pro-Palestinian over recent years, but at the same time had not let go of their old Israeli sympathies.

U.K. asked for Mideast initiative

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 — The Carter administration has asked Britain to take the lead on a new initiative to solve the Palestinian problem, diplomatic sources here said.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, has told Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington that the U.S. will support a British proposal for a new U.N. Security Council resolution to supplement U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338, the sources said.

Britain is expected to press hard for the new resolution, which would recognize the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

President Carter is reluctant to take a strong public stand in favor of Palestinian rights at this time, sources said. His political advisers fear such a stand could cost him crucial Jewish votes in the upcoming primary elections, particularly now that his Democratic rival Senator Edward Kennedy is going all-out to woo the support of the American Jewish community.

Carter believes a British initiative on the Palestinians, supported by France and perhaps other Western European states, would buy his administration time, at least until the elections are over in November, sources said.

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For energy talks

Duncan plans Riyadh trip

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 — Energy Secretary Charles Duncan plans to travel to Saudi Arabia within the next few weeks for talks with Saudi officials on various energy issues, government sources said.

Duncan's trip, which would take place within a week to ten days depending on circumstances, is in response to a Saudi invitation to visit the Kingdom following Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani's last trip to the United States, the sources said Thursday.

Duncan plans to use the visit as an opportunity to explore Saudi Arabia's willingness to sell crude oil to the U.S. government for storage in the strategic reserve, according to the sources.

The Carter administration has decided to resume purchases of oil for the reserve — which were cut off last year — in an effort to guarantee adequate oil supplies in the event of a crisis halts supplies from the Gulf.

The U.S. now has about 100 million barrels of crude oil in storage in underground caverns and salt mines along the Gulf of Mexico coast.

Existing facilities can hold up to 500 million barrels of oil, but a new Energy Department study recommends the reserve capacity be expanded to hold between one and four billion barrels.

During Duncan's upcoming visit to the Kingdom — his first as energy secretary — he is also expected to discuss the world oil market and regional security issues, sources said.

American and European dependence on Arabian Gulf oil was highlighted Wednesday by one of Duncan's aides, Deputy Energy Secretary John Sawhill.

Testifying before a Senate committee, Sawhill said that even if the United States, Western Europe and Japan maintain their current oil consumption levels, they will remain as dependent on oil from the Gulf in 1985 as they are now.

This means that "any massive interruption of oil supplies from the region would have a severe impact on the economies of the free world," Sawhill warned.

In 1979, the United States depended on Arabian Gulf oil for 31 per cent of its total supply. But because of an expected drop in U.S. domestic production, Sawhill said the U.S. will have to increase its imports from the area to 35 per cent in 1985.

CBS confirms Israel A-bomb

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 — The American television network CBS has reported that Israel exploded an atomic bomb off South Africa last September, confirming the first report of the blast that appeared in this newspaper almost four months ago.

In its evening newscast Thursday, CBS said it had learned "that Israel exploded a nuclear bomb last September in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of South Africa, which was conducted with the help and cooperation of the South African government."

The explosion's fireball was detected by an American surveillance satellite passing over the area Sept. 22.

The satellite, one of the VELA series, recorded a double flash of light characteristic of atomic explosions. But a recent White House study of the satellite's readings was inconclusive, saying there was insufficient evidence to prove a nuclear blast had occurred.

CBS, in its report Thursday, said details of the Israeli nuclear test last September are contained in a new unpublished book by two Israeli journalists.

South Africa had offered to help Israel with an atomic test as early as 1966, CBS said, but the Israelis declined at that time. But in 1979, the Begin government wanted to see if its atomic devices worked.

so it accepted South Africa's offer. According to CBS the unpublished Israeli book says Israel has "several dozen" atomic bombs and some hydrogen bombs.

The book may never be published in its present form, since it has not yet passed Israeli censorship.

On Nov. 3, this newspaper published the first report that Israel and South Africa had cooperated on a nuclear test. According to this report, the device tested was a tactical or battlefield nuclear weapon, smaller than the strategic atomic warheads that would be launched on missiles.

Tactical nuclear warheads can be fired artillery pieces or dropped from fighter bombers.

Israel and South Africa have long had a secret agreement on nuclear cooperation, sources here report.

The Carter administration has solid intelligence information on Israel's atomic test last September, but has so far refused to go on record as admitting that Israel is a full-fledged nuclear power, according to the sources.

The administration fears such an admission would force Arab states to develop their own nuclear capabilities, thus sparking a nuclear arms race in the Middle East, the sources say.

Syria considers changing flag

DAMASCUS, Feb. 22 (AP) — Syria is seriously considering changing its national flag because it is identical to the Egyptian flag now hoisted in Israel, a senior official said.

"This is our reaction to the arrogance of the traitor (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat who dared raise the Egyptian flag in occupied territories so that the Israelis might spit on it," said Thursday the official, who refused to be identified.

Egypt, Syria and Libya adopted a unified flag in 1971, when they launched their now-defunct Federation of Arab Republics.

Libya changed its flag on the day Sadat visited Jerusalem to start his historic peace process with the Jewish state.

At a brief airport ceremony Thursday, the delegation was welcomed by an Israeli foreign ministry official before heading to the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel, where the embassy will be set up temporarily. "We are the outstretched hand of Egypt for a just and lasting peace," delegation chief Muhammad Husandar said.

Israel, PLO exchange primary prisoners

TEL AVIV, Feb. 22 (AP) — Israel traded two imprisoned Palestinian commandos for a woman doctor held in Lebanon in an exchange arranged by the International Red Cross, the government announced Friday.

The swap was made in Cyprus. The government would not release details of the exchange or say whether the woman was an Israeli.

A brief announcement said the woman has been held by commandos in Lebanon for some time and was accused of working for Israeli intelligence. The Palestinians, who were not identified, had "almost completed" their prison terms, the announcement said.

Airport sources said the two Palestinians and the Israeli woman were flown to Cyprus from undisclosed destinations and then left the island immediately.

Newsmen alerted by the unusual security arrangements at the airport were barred from approaching the facility by the armed security men.

The Cyprus government maintained a strict blackout on the information until it was complete, refusing to inform newsmen on the reason for the extra security at the airport.

The Palestine Liberation Organization's official representative in Cyprus, Zakariya Abdul Rahim, said he had not been informed of the prisoner swap. The Israeli embassy here also said they could not give any information.

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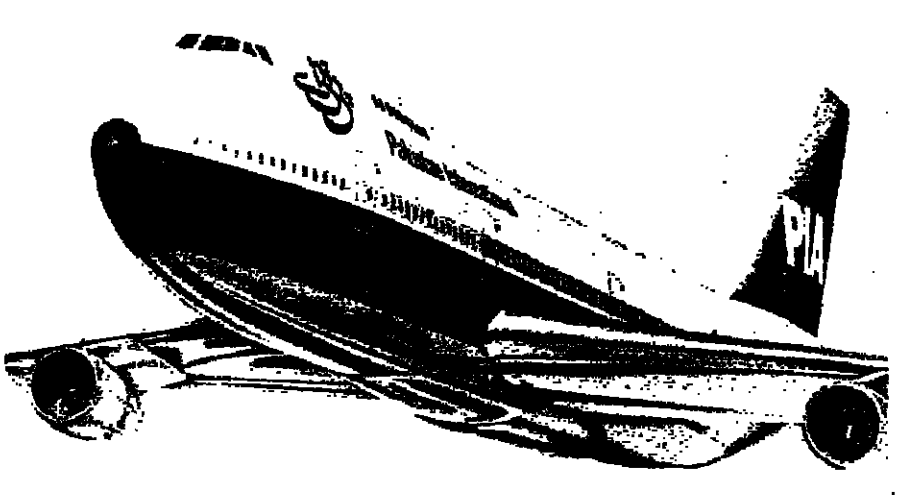
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Exporters to pay 'war-risk' surcharge

By Shirley Kowitz
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 22 — Industrial and business firms must now pay a "war-risk" surcharge in addition to a bunker fuel charge and a currency adjustment charge when sending goods to the Arabian Gulf.

Up until Jan. 26, the shipping lines had absorbed the cost of "war-risk" insurance but the increasing price of the insurance charge forced shipping lines to pass the cost on to customers in the form of a surcharge, according to James Devine, marketing vice president of Waterman Steamship Corp.

The 8,900 Group, a tariff publishing group operating from the U.S. East Coast, authorized the \$3.75 per revenue ton surcharge that is now tacked onto the base freight rate for

merchandise headed to the Arabian Gulf ports.

The London market instituted a mandatory "war-risk" insurance charge to all ships going to the Arabian Gulf last year because of the political unrest in the area. According to insurance brokers, they are concerned that ships going to the area might be trapped (not allowed to leave) rather than confiscated or destroyed. Merchant ships were trapped in the Suez Canal during the 1967 war between Israel and Egypt, and merchants were forced to write off their cargo as war-risk losses.

A spokesman for Adams and Porter Insurance Co. said that the primary fear was the closing of the Strait of Hormuz, the entrance to the Arabian Gulf, because of the Iranian revolution last year. Since that time, the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan has intensified those fears, he said.

The price of war-risk insurance to shipping companies was fluctuating between two-and-a-half cents and 5 cents per \$100 valuation in January, according to insurance brokers. At present, the charge is 3.75 cents per \$100 valuation for ships going to Saudi Arabia. On a \$75 million (SR252.75 million) ship, that amounts to a \$28,125 (SR94,781) war-risk insurance charge on each trip the vessel makes to the Gulf.

This surcharge comes on top of an ever-increasing bunker fuel charge or BAF (bunker adjustment factor) that shipping companies have added to their base freight rate to compensate for rising cost of fueling their ships.

In addition, shipping companies have to make allowances for fluctuating world currencies with a currency adjustment factor (CAF) that is passed on in the form of an extra charge to merchants.

The cost of all these extra charges is affecting the American businessman, according to Roland Garrett of Strachan Shipping Co.

"The cost of shipping is pricing many American businesses out of the market. They cannot compete price-wise with Europe and Japan," Garrett said.

The bunker fuel charge is due to increase from its current price of \$22.50 (SR75.83) per freight ton for American ships to \$27.50 (SR92.68) per freight ton in March 16. Japan ships pay a bunker fuel charge of \$18.00 (SR60.66) per freight ton and Mediterranean ships pay a bunker fuel charge of 20 per cent of the freight rate or a \$24.50 (SR82.57) per freight ton maximum, according to Garrett.

The charges are affecting shipping companies also, according to Devine. As the cost of transportation goes up, the cheaper commodities cannot afford to transport, so the amount of cargo decreases, he said.

The bunker fuel charge was first installed in 1974 and has been rising ever since. The

owners of the vessels determine what the fuel charges are and when the price rises, they re-estimate the charge. The changes must be approved by the Federal Maritime Commission.

"The bunker fuel charge has gone up four or five times in the past year," Garrett said. Garrett who represents Nedlloyd and Hoegh Lines as well as Strachan, said that most of the vessels he handles are 25,000 dead-weight tons and carry approximately 1,000 tons of marine fuel and 500 tons of diesel fuel.

"The last bill I paid was \$275,000 (SR926,750) just to "top off" the ship, not to fill it," Garrett said. "Shippers do not particularly like the extra charges," Garrett said, "but the cost of fuel has made it necessary."

Basil Rusovitch of Transoceanic Shipping Co. also feels that the smaller businessman is being priced out of the market.

"The large corporations can absorb the cost of shipping to these developing areas but the small businessman cannot afford the cost," Rusovitch said.

Villages to have 16 new mosques

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 — The construction of 16 mosques in Eastern Province villages costing SR40 million will be commissioned soon. Mosques will be constructed in Rafha, Qaysouma, Nuairiyah and Labaqiyah.

Yusuf Ibrahim Al-Sayf, director of the Eastern Province branch of the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments, said that his branch had received the go ahead from the minister to implement the projects.

He was quoted by Al-Nadwa Thursday as saying that agreement had also been given to finalize the terms and specifications for another 35 mosques in the Eastern and

New pharmacy rules

Three consumer items priced

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 — The Commerce Ministry has fixed prices of three consumer items as part of a general consumer protection drive while the Health Ministry issued new rules for the regulation of pharmacies.

The Commerce Ministry fixed prices of soybean and palm oil packed in drums and amended the price of imported frozen mutton to SR13 per kilo on the carcass effective Feb. 6.

The price of meat was increased due to rise in demand, the higher cost of transportation and higher costs in exporting countries.

At the same time, Deputy Minister of Commerce for Supplies, Sayed Tawfik Ibrahim Tawfik, has denied rumors that the Ministry plans to halt subsidy for importers of corn and barley.

Such a rumor "is groundless and the import of feeds is still wide open without any restrictions," he said. "The Ministry's role in this matter is to coordinate with feeds importers to distribute them according to needs of various areas."

In the meantime, an authoritative source at the Commerce Ministry has confirmed that dealers in medical drugs and chemicals must obtain final permits from the Health Ministry in order to carry out their activities.

The Commerce Ministry has, in coordination with the Health Ministry, informed its branches not to issue licenses or register firms dealing in medicines and chemicals before obtaining the necessary permits from the Ministry of Health.

The Health Ministry has set March 2 as the date for enforcing the new regulations for pharmacies and drug stores.

Earlier, the Ministry requested drug store owners to transform their facilities into pharmacies or liquidate.

Drug store owners who opt to liquidate their trade have been urged by the Ministry to return all the medical drugs to the wholesalers and to finalize the liquidation before the date prescribed for this purpose, which is Feb. 17.

Licenses of drug stores which violate the new rules will be revoked.

The Commerce Ministry fixed the prices of soybean and palm oils as follows:

SR15.30 per 15-kg drum of palm oil in Jeddah and Dammam and SR16.80 for the same drum in Riyadh.

SR18.95 per 51-kg drum of soybean oil in Jeddah and Dammam and SR20.45 for the same drum in Riyadh.

SR196.95 per 180-kg drum of palm oil in Jeddah and Dammam and SR212.95 for the same drum in Riyadh.

SR224.90 per 180-kg drum of soybean in Jeddah and Dammam and SR240.90 per the same drum in Riyadh.

The ministry also amended prices of imported chilled mutton at each of Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam so that it is sold at the rate of SR13 per kilo on the carcass basis.

The state subsidizes chilled meat at the rate of SR2.75 per kilo.

Tihama trains U students on advertising

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 — Tihama, the Kingdom's largest advertising, public relations and marketing research company, is organizing its first training session in cooperation with the Faculty of Economy and Administration of King Abdul Azz University after the six month course, trainees will be graduated as advertising representatives.

The Training Center of Tihama will accept applications of Saudi Arabians holding intermediate certificates or equivalent commercial certificates. Once accepted they will be given SR2,000 monthly in addition to 25 per cent of the commission given to advertising representatives, in the first three months.

In last three months, they will be granted equal commission given to qualified representatives as they receive on the job-training. They will attend an intense English-language program and distinguished students will be sent abroad for further studies.

Islamic chambers of commerce to meet in Dakar

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 (SPA) — The prime minister of Senegal, Abdou Diouf, Tuesday will open four-day meetings of the General Assembly of Islamic Chambers of Commerce to be held in Dakar.

Head of the Saudi Arabian chamber and chairman of the board of the Islamic chambers, Sheikh Ismail Abudawood, said Friday that the general assembly will discuss promoting relations between businessmen in the Islamic World in the fields of trade, industry and agriculture.

Saudi comment

By Ahmed Abdullah Al-Mus'ari
Al-Jazirah

Parents' lack of concern about giving cars to their adolescent children is among reasons for the rising number of traffic accidents. In recent years, it has become common for parents to buy cars for their minor children just to imitate what other friends of their sons are doing.

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It is a result of parent's carelessness and indifference in providing his son with money and car that he is seen roaming about in the streets all day and burying himself in bed throughout the night. In this way some parents become the cause of gaps in the society.

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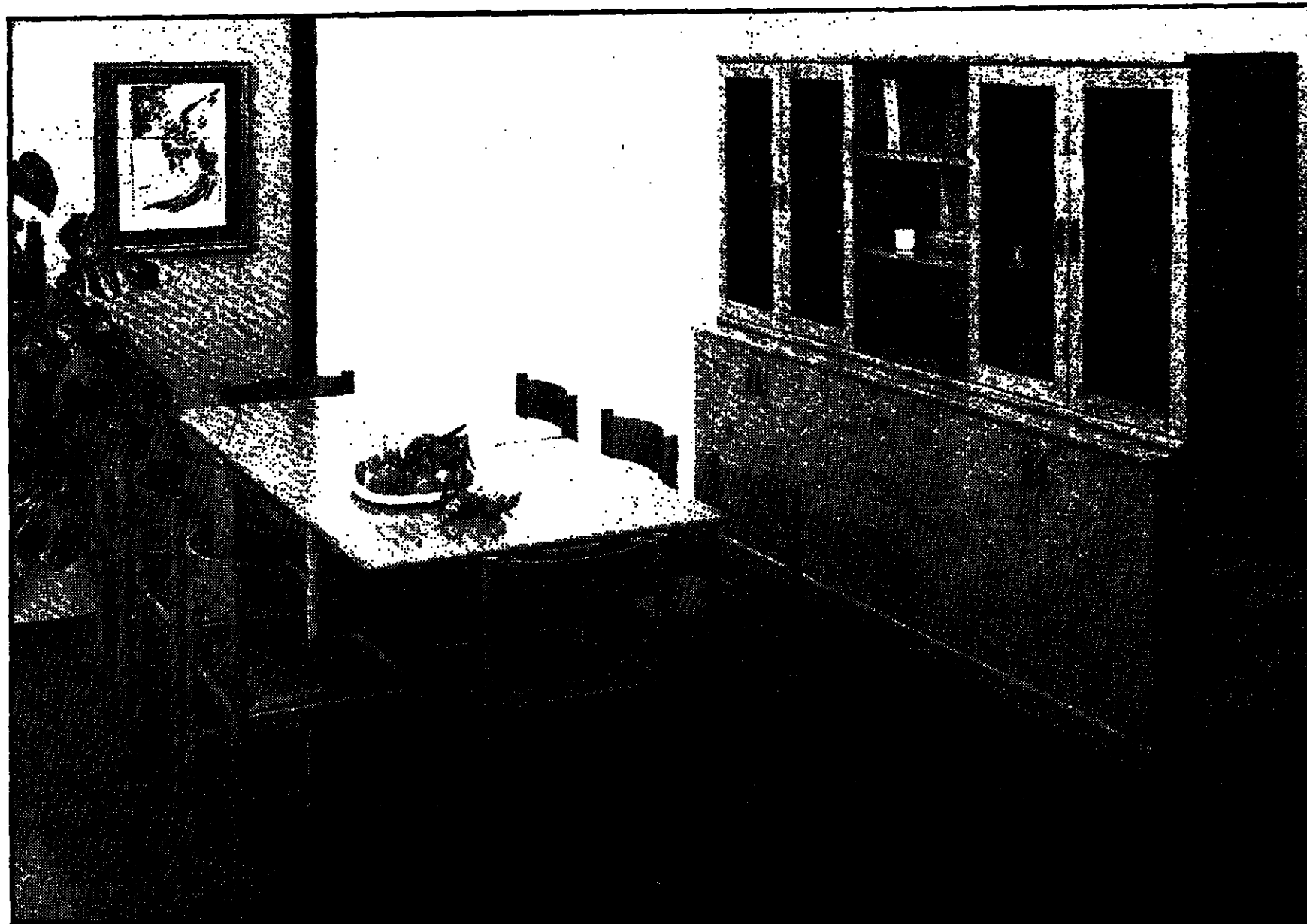
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Talks on environment scheduled for March 8

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 — A group of government officials and industry representatives may approve Saudi Arabia's first comprehensive set of environmental protection standards at a meeting scheduled for March 8, according to the General Directorate of Meteorology.

In an interview published in this week's *Saudi Business*, Dr. Abdulbar Al-Gain, deputy director of the Ministry of Defense agency, said that Prince Fahd charged the Directorate about three years ago with the responsibility of drafting environmental standards. Al-Gain said that that process is now in its final stage.

If approved, the standards would oblige the Kingdom's industrialists for the first time to comply with an anti-pollution code.

Concerned ministries and industries have been consulted since the beginning of the process. The standards have been designed so as not to inhibit the Kingdom's economic development.

The standards would become effective shortly after approval for an interim period. Once sufficient environmental data has been gathered to allow the pollution level restrictions contained in the standards to be adjusted as necessary, the interim standards will be submitted to Minister of Defense Prince Sultan for approval as permanent.

The expansion of the Directorate into Meteorology and Environmental Protection agency under the defense ministry was proposed about 10 months ago by the Administrative Reform Committee of the Council of Ministers, but the decision is still pending with Prince Fahd.

The Directorate of Meteorology is authorized to handle environmental affairs in the international sphere, however, and Al-Gain has just returned this week from a meeting in Tunis concerning the Red Sea.

Negotiations for setting up an organization to protect the Red Sea's environment have been underway for some time among representatives of adjacent states. Al-Gain noted in the *Saudi Business* interview that a similar organization had been set up much faster to protect the Arabian Gulf, because there was a much greater sense of urgency.

In many ways, Al-Gain said, more had been accomplished toward protecting the Red Sea: data collection is underway, and the organization already has a data center in Jeddah's National Meteorological Center, an oceanographic institute at King Abdul Aziz University with a research vessel on order, and a fisheries Research Center in Yemen.

The Regional Organization to protect the Marine Environment of the Arabian Gulf was agreed to in 1978, but is still under the auspices of a UNEP interim secretariat until the organization's permanent structure can be established in Kuwait.

Al-Gain will be involved with both the Arabian Gulf and the Red Sea organizations in the coming months. He hopes that the Gulf representatives will meet soon to elect a secretary general, and that the Red Sea representatives will prepare a draft of an agreement that can be signed by official representatives at a subsequent meeting.



Abdulbar Al-Gain, deputy director of the Meteorology Department

Contract winners reported

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 — Recipients of construction contracts worth SR410 million were announced Friday.

The *Saudi Economic Survey* said the contracts for housing, dormitories and expansion of vocational training centers throughout the Kingdom were signed with several national and international firms.

A contract was signed with the Korean firm of Hyundai Construction Company for building student dormitories and staff housing at the vocational training center in Tabuk.

Another contract was signed with Redec-Daelim Saudi Arabia for dormitories and staff housing of the Qatif vocational training center. A third contract was signed with Tacon Saudi Arabia for dormitories and staff housing of the Hail, Medina, Hout and Mecca training centers.

The contracts are valued at SR250 million and completion is expected in two years.

The assistant undersecretary of labor for training affairs, Sayed Muhammad Al-Dalaan, revealed that contracts had been signed with a number of Saudi Arabian firms for expansion of existing vocational centers and adding 60 workshops at a cost of SR160 million.

WEATHER

The seasonal low air pressure from Sudan will affect the western sector of the Kingdom extending to the north. Cloud will thicken in those areas bringing scattered thunders.

Low and medium cloud will also cover parts of the northern, eastern and central regions, with possible scattered showers.

Winds will be southerly and active, raising sand.

Sea conditions will be rough to moderate in the Red Sea and calm to moderate in the Gulf.

Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade):

Mecca	31	18
Jeddah	28	21
Riyadh	21	11
Dhahran	21	14
Medina	27	12
Taif	26	14
Jizan	33	25
Hail	23	07
Turaif	14	03
Arar	21	05
Jouf	19	06
Abha	21	11

Saudia to expand system of computerized booking

By Rod Robberson
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 22 — Saudia, the first airline in Saudi Arabia to introduce a computerized flight-booking and reservation system, soon will expand its computer capabilities at its three main terminals in the Kingdom and in two foreign offices.

Ed Morrissey, manager of reservations for Saudia's Jeddah offices, said the airline plans to add two new features to its computer system. In July, the airline will install computer-operated ticketing at the airport terminals in Jeddah, Riyadh, Dhahran, London and Cairo. Saudia also plans to install a "departure control" computer-operated boarding pass printer in the new Jeddah International Airport in time for the airport's opening in January 1981.

Morrissey said the new computer-operated services will eliminate the time-consuming process of registering and ticketing passen-

gers by hand. With the computerized operation, the ticketing agent will be able to confirm reservations, print destination information on tickets and issue boarding passes through the computer's video display unit.

Saudia first installed computer terminals in its reservation offices in February 1978. The computer "brains," as Morrissey calls them, are located in London and are operated by Saudia under a contract with British Airways. The main computer is an IBM 1-PARS system coupled with Raytheon video display units.

Morrissey said the airline hopes to move the main computer to the Jeddah offices sometime in 1982, and it will be completely operated by Saudia personnel.

"In my office at Jeddah, if I want to know, for example, how many seats are available on a flight to Riyadh, the message has to travel through as many as 20 terminals before I get my answer back," Morrissey said.

Ittifaq beats Ittihad 2-1

JEDDAH, Feb. 22 — Ittihad of Jeddah suffered a controversial defeat Friday at the hands of Ittifaq of Dammam. They were beaten 2-1 in Dammam and toppled from the lead of the football league. Ittihad's goal came through Ghurab, and Saleh Khalifa netted the two scores for Ittifaq.

In Riyadh, Nasr won over Shabab Friday in Riyadh 2-1. Majed Abdullah and Darwish scored for Nasr. Shabab's only goal came through Burno.

Meanwhile, Hial of Riyadh Thursday defeated Ohod of Medina 3-1 here while Ahli of Jeddah beat Nahda 1-0 in Dammam.

Hial scored first in the 32nd minute through its striker, Sultan ibn Nasib, who netted the second goal for his team in the 31st minute of the second half after Ohod's only goal in the 23rd minute of the second half. It resulted from a penalty kicked by Al-Majari. Rivelino scored the third goal in the 44th minute.

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Khomeini stresses extradition of Shah

TEHRAN, Feb. 22 (R) — Ayatollah Khomeini has appealed to Iranians to continue demanding the former Shah's extradition for trial in Iran.

In a broadcast statement Thursday which appeared to dim prospects of any early release for the American hostages here, Khomeini said: "You should ask forcefully from the United States and any other nation

which is supporting this criminal Mohammad Reza Pahlavi for his extradition and the return of his wealth and do not stop until you achieve victory."

In an apparent gesture of support for Muslim students holding the Americans hostage at the occupied U.S. embassy, the 79-year-old revolutionary leader said: "Dear God, you support our people and our dear youth who have risen up to satisfy you, and by their movement they have thrown the enemies of religion off the scene."

The Ayatollah, still recovering from heart trouble in a Tehran hospital, has used the term "our youth" in the past to refer to militants who occupied the U.S. embassy last Nov. 4 to demand the return of the Shah.

His statement, issued to mark the start of Iran's National Mobilization Week, was broadcast on state radio's midnight news bulletin.

Khomeini did not refer directly to the hostages. But his message coincided with the official announcement in New York that a five-man United Nations commission would visit Iran this weekend to investigate Iran's grievances against the deposed Shah.

Khomeini's statement stressed that he still considered the United States as Iran's principal enemy.

"Our people are confronting great enemies and superpowers, especially the United States which by its criminal interference during the reign of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi stopped our people from developing political, economic and cultural maturity and plundered the resources of this poor nation," the message said.

Khomeini appealed to all Muslims to save themselves from what he called "the criminals of the world."



Ayatollah Khomeini

Libya-Tunisia row viewed by McHenry, Nouira

TUNIS, Feb. 22 (AP) — American U.N. Ambassador Donald McHenry discussed the escalating tensions between Tunisia and Libya Thursday in a meeting with Prime Minister Hedi Nouira.

"We wish to re-emphasize at this time our deep interest in the independence and integrity of Tunisia," McHenry said after the meeting. "We would view with concern any outside interference in the affairs of Tunisia."

"I have just been discussing with Prime Minister Nouira the situation created by the recent attack in Gafsa and the threatening language that has since been directed at Tunisia by the Libyan government."

McHenry was referring to the attack on police and army barracks in the phosphate mining town of Gafsa late last month by a group of about 30 commandos that the Tunisian government claims were supported and trained by Libya.

Forty-one persons were killed before the attack finally was put down. Nouira claimed that the commandos had planned to join up with sympathizers in the western Tunisian town and declare the formation of a revolutionary government. He said they then planned to call on Libya to "safeguard the revolution."

A special conference of foreign ministers of the Arab League is scheduled to meet Tuesday at the league's headquarters in Tunis to discuss the attack. Both Tunisia and Libya requested the meeting.

France provided logistical support to Tunisia, helping to transport reinforcements to Gafsa during the Jan. 27 attack, and the United States stepped up shipments of previously ordered military equipment.

Since the attack, Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has unleashed a series of verbal attacks on France and has been referring to the "French invasion of Tunisia" and the "re-establishment of the protectorate."

Zia admits military deficiency

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 22 (Agencies) — President Zia ul-Haq has admitted that military self-sufficiency is a "distant goal," but added that Pakistan will defend itself against any aggressors, despite its obsolete armaments.

"Pakistan wants peaceful and friendly relations with all countries, particularly its neighbors, but we are fully determined to defend our national independence and territorial integrity at any cost," Zia said Wednesday in a speech at an aeronautical engineering complex at Kamrah, 45 miles west of here.

"Pakistan is deficient in some defense equipment and some of its armament is time-worn and obsolete," he said. "But the unshakable determination of the nation to defend its independence and sovereignty is free from all deficiencies and shortcomings," he added.

Zia said the purpose of Pakistan's advance toward the goal of self-sufficiency in defense is to protect the country's territorial integrity.

But, because of resource constraints, self-sufficiency is a "distant goal," he added.

In his speech Zia did not refer to the Soviet military presence in neighboring Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, a government press statement said that a letter from Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat was delivered Wednesday to President Zia by the PLO's new representative to Pakistan, Khair el Dia Abdul Rehman.

Libyan unity plan dismissed by Algeria

ALGIERS, Feb. 22 (R) — Algeria has gently brushed aside a Libyan report suggesting that the two neighboring North African countries might merge.

The Politburo of the governing National Liberation Front (FLN) said in a statement Wednesday night that the basis of relations with Libya was a communiqué issued after Libyan head of state Muammar Qaddafi met the late Algerian President Houari Boumedienne in southern Algeria in December 1975.

That document said the two countries would try to achieve closer relations but fell short of calling for unification.

The statement was apparently a response to a report Tuesday by the Libyan news agency IANA which quoted Algerian Interior Minister Boualem Benhamouda as saying his country was ready to merge with Libya.

The report, issued at the end of a visit to Tripoli by Benhamouda, caused embarrassment in Algiers.

The IANA story was seen in Algiers as an attempt to drag Algeria into Qaddafi's unionist plans, informed sources said.

Sonoda in Iraq after UAE visit

BAGHDAD, Feb. 22 (Agencies) — Japanese special envoy Sunao Sonoda arrived in Baghdad Thursday for a few days' visit in the course of a Middle Eastern and Asian tour, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Sonoda, a former foreign minister, said he would deliver a message from Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on strengthening bilateral relations and on international developments.

Sonoda came from Abu Dhabi where he held talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan al-Nahayan, Oil Minis-

ter Mana Said al-Oteiba and other senior politicians.

At a press conference in Abu Dhabi Thursday, Sonoda said that permanent peace in the Middle East can only be reached through recognition on the Palestinian right to self-determination, the Gulf news agency reported.

Sonoda said that this issue, the crux of the Middle East problem, can only be settled through the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, the agency added.

Sonoda will also visit Oman, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, India and Iran.

House collapse kills 8 in Cairo

CAIRO, Feb. 22 (AP) — Three mud-brick houses collapsed Friday, killing eight persons and injuring four others in one of Cairo's poorest slums.

The dead, which included a month-old baby, were trapped under mounds of rubble — all that remained of the shanty-like constructions.

Six families lived in the mudbrick and wood buildings which were made up of two or three rooms each. Neighbors said one of the families had built an extra room on the roof of one home.

The mud addition with no extra support weakened with time until it collapsed on two houses below.

Bomb rocks bus station in Israel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 22 (AP) — A bomb exploded Thursday in the central bus station in Kiryat Gat, 35 miles south of Tel Aviv, police announced.

In Beirut, a Palestinian commando group claimed responsibility for the

explosion.

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) of Naye Hawatmeh said the explosion "damaged several stores and injured an undisclosed number of Israelis."

Aden, Sanaa end military talks

SANAA, Feb. 22 (R) — A North Yemeni delegation returned here from Aden Thursday night after three days of military talks with the South Yemeni authorities.

The talks, part of efforts to achieve unity between the two countries, were aimed at bringing about coordination between their armed forces, according to an official announcement here.

Assistant chief of staff Lt. Col. Mansour said that the results of the talks were "very satisfactory." He did not give further details but also said he was bringing a message from President Abdul-Fattah Ismail of South Yemen to President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Ismail's letters

In another development, a senior South Yemeni official has left on a tour of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Iran carrying letters from President Ismail.

Abdullah Ahmad Ghanem, a member of the presidential council, will deliver the letters to UAE President Sheikh Zayed and Iran's President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, the official Aden news agency said.

New meetings set for Feb. 27

Autonomy impasse drags on

TEL AVIV, Feb. 22 (Agencies) — Another round of negotiations between Israel, Egypt and the United States on Palestinian autonomy ended here Wednesday night without significant progress having been achieved, official Israeli sources said.

The three delegations are due to meet again in The Hague later this month, in yet another effort to break the logjammed negotiations.

The talks will be held Feb. 27-28, the Cairo Al-Ahram newspaper reported, adding that the decision had been reached after consultations among Cairo, Washington and Tel Aviv.

The eight month-old talks are bogged down over a dispute between Egypt and Israel on whether the 1.1 million Palestinians living in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza should have local or overall authority over the areas. The U.S.-mediated framework for peace in the Middle East calls for full auton-

omy for the Palestinians living in the territories occupied by Israel during the 1967 war.

The talks have been further complicated by Israel's continuing settlement policy, including its latest decision allowing Jewish encampments in the Arab city of Hebron. Egypt and the United States have strongly condemned the move.

The Egyptian delegation to the talks will be led by Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil who will leave Feb. 26, hours after attending a ceremony during which Israel's first ambassador to Egypt will present his credentials to President Anwar Sadat. Elisha Ben Elissar the first Israeli ambassador to any Arab country will submit his credentials along with a group of other envoys, Al-Ahram reported.

Ambassador Sol Linowitz, President Carter's envoy to the Middle East will lead the United States delegation to the negotiations and Youssef Burg, Israel's interior minister will head his country's team, the paper said.

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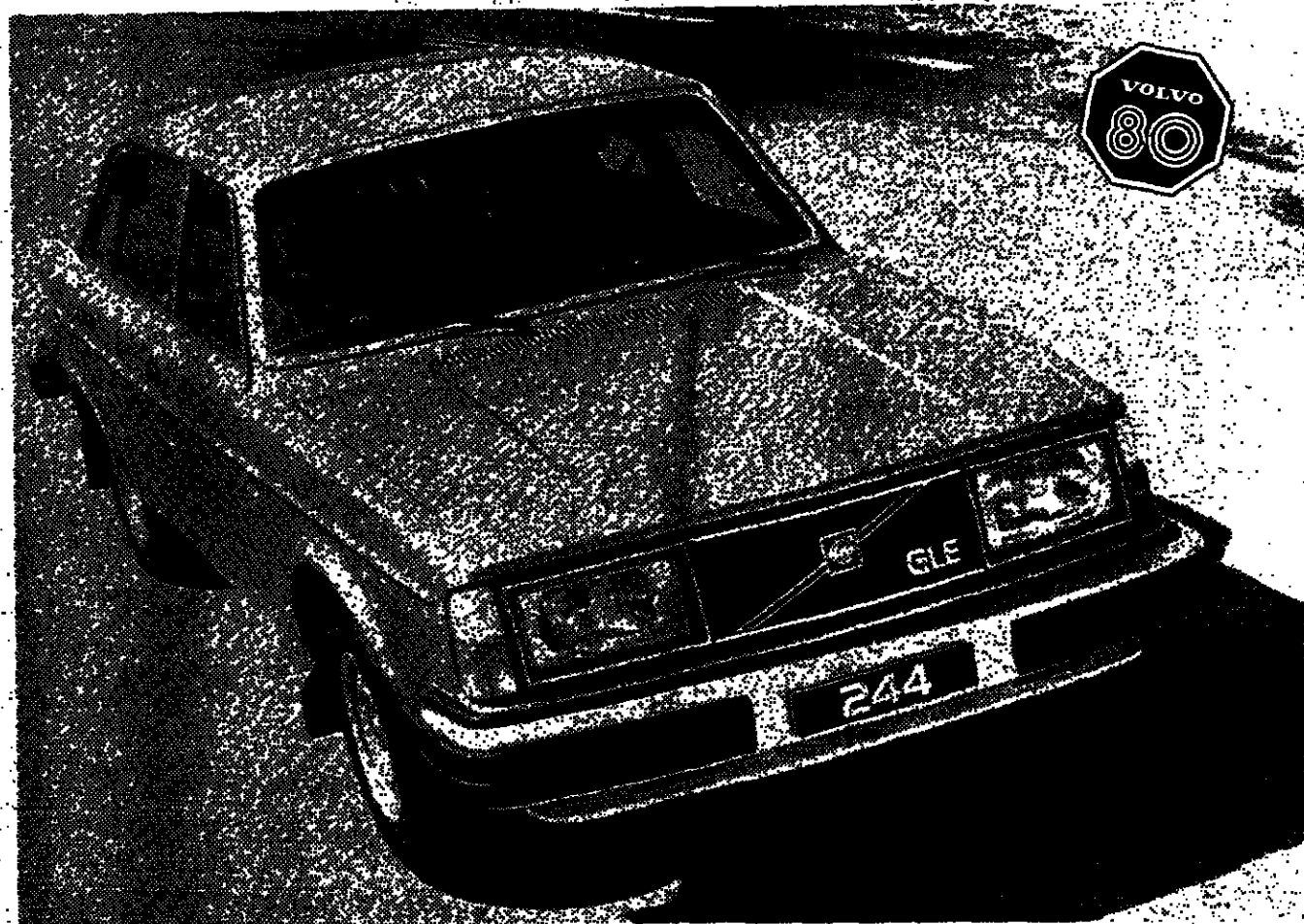
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Historic fourth gold

Heiden sweep continues

LAKE PLACID, Feb. 22 (AP) — Eric Heiden swept to his fourth speed skating gold medal of the 1980 Winter Olympics Thursday, smashing another record with a winning time of 1 minute, 55.44 seconds in the 1,500-meter race.

Norway took both the silver and bronze medals.

Heiden thus became the first man in history to win four gold medals in a single winter Olympics. The powerful 21-year-old skater has one more race in these games, skating in Saturday's 10,000-meter event in a bid to complete a five gold medal sweep.

Tiny Liechtenstein claimed its first winter Olympic gold medal ever when Hanni Wenzel won the women's giant slalom in a combined time of 2:41.66. Irene Epple of West Germany won the silver and the bronze went to Perrine Pelen of France.

It was the third medal of these games for Liechtenstein.

In the women's 4 x 5 kilometer cross country relay race, East Germany captured the gold medal with the silver going to the Soviet Union and Norway winning the bronze.

A highly-charged ice hockey clash between the Soviet Union and the U.S. and a wide open men's slalom ski race kept the Winter Olympics ticking along Friday.

The fresh-faced young Americans were certain to make up in enthusiasm what they lack in experience and are sure to be boosted by noisy support from 8,500 fans.

And they will need every advantage they can get against the Russians at the start of the two-day final play-off series.

There is little realistic prospect of the U.S. — or Sweden and Finland who play in the other game — stopping the Soviet Union roll.

Weiskopf leads in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22 (AP) — Tom Weiskopf, a veteran of 15 years on the pro golf tour, fired a 4-under-par 67 Thursday over the rain-threatened Riviera Country Club course and grabbed the first-round lead in the \$250,000 Campbell-Los Angeles Open.

Weiskopf held a one-stroke lead over Robby Walzel after the opening round of the 72-hole tournament.

Weiskopf, who hasn't won since March, 1978, took special lessons from former U.S. Open champion Ken Venturi and read articles on the short game in order to pull out of his slump.

ling on to their sixth since they made their Olympic ice hockey debut in 1956.

The Russians are just too good. Even the partisan American fans think so. Despite the deep U.S. resentment over the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, spectators here have willingly acknowledged the talent of the Russian hockey team — albeit with subdued applause.

Though the slalom on Whiteface Mountain, the last men's alpine ski event, will feature newly-crowned giant slalom champion Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden, it is likely to be the most open event on the program.

Stenmark will undoubtedly be more relaxed than in the giant slalom, but his slalom form has not been nearly so devastating.

He has won only two out of five world cup events this year, and will face another substantial threat from Liechtenstein's Andreas Wenzel — who took the giant slalom silver medal behind the Swedes.

Wenzel has an extra incentive to succeed, having watched his sister Hanni win Liechtenstein's first Olympic alpine ski title in the women's giant slalom Thursday.

But there could also be a first time for Eastern Europe in an alpine event, if Bojan Krizaj of Yugoslavia can inject a little more boldness into his skiing.

Krizaj, who has beaten Stenmark once this season, missed the giant slalom bronze by only 0.02 seconds because he was too cautious.

The biathlon schedule winds up with the 4 x 7.5 km relay, in which the East German world champions will seek to end Russian domination of the event in the Olympics.

The Soviet Union has won all three biathlon relays since the sport was included in the winter games for the first time in 1968.

The country-by-country Olympic medal winners at the XIII Winter Olympics through Wednesday:

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
S. Germany	7	6	6	19
Soviet Union	8	5	5	18
Norway	1	3	5	9
United States	4	2	2	8
Austria	3	1	2	6
Finland	0	4	2	6
Liechtenstein	1	2	0	3
Netherlands	1	1	1	3
Sweden	2	0	0	2
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Japan	0	1	0	1
Bulgaria	0	0	1	1
Czechoslovakia	0	0	1	1
France	0	0	1	1

Westphal scores 49 Suns beat Detroit, 125-116

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (AP) — The secret in basketball is to hit the open man and Thursday night that turned out to be Paul Westphal.

"It just happened that I was the guy open in the first half," the veteran guard said after scoring a career-high 49 points — 30 in the first two periods — and leading the Phoenix Suns to a 125-116 National Basketball Association victory over Detroit Pistons.

Westphal poured in 14 points in the first quarter and 16 more in the second, although the Suns weren't able to pull away until the final quarter. The game was tied 11 times in the third period and three more in the fourth until Phoenix hit three consecutive field goals, two by Walter Davis, to take a 111-105 lead and extend Detroit's losing streak to 11 games.

Davis added 28 points and Alvin Adams had 20 for Phoenix.

Lloyd Free led a balanced scoring attack with 24 points and Bill Walton added 16 in his first start of the year as the San Diego Clippers snapped a four-game losing streak Thursday night with a 104-99 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers. Philadelphia's Julius Erving led all scorers with 28 points.

Kevin Porter sank two free throws with seven seconds remaining to preserve the Bulls' come-from-behind 118-115 victory over the Cavaliers. Porter directed the Bulls' attack throughout the tight fourth quarter and finished with 12 points and six assists.

Elvin Hayes led Washington with 32 points and Greg Ballard added 26. Randy Smith had 24 points and Mike Mitchell 22 for the Cavaliers, who have lost 28 of 33 road games.

Standout rookies Larry Bird and Earvin

"Magic" Johnson put on a couple of Rocky Mountain highs Wednesday night.

In Salt Lake City, Bird scored 33 points to lead the Boston Celtics to a 105-98 victory over the Utah Jazz. Meanwhile, in Denver, Johnson scored 30 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and put on a dazzling second-half display to rally the Los Angeles Lakers to a 116-103 triumph over the Nuggets.

Boston led Utah by 23 points early in the third quarter. The Jazz narrowed the gap to 85-79 early in time final period but Bird and Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell combined for six points to pull the Celtics away again. Adrian Dantley paced the Jazz with 31 points.

"Bird is a great player already," said Utah coach Tom Nissalke. "He's the best to come into the pros since Bill Walton."

Los Angeles trailed Denver 57-53 at half-time but Johnson ignited a 15-3 Laker flurry in the first 4:12 of the third period.

"If you look at his nickname, 'Magic,' you would think all he does is make fancy passes," said La coach Paul Westhead. "But he's as much a guard as he is a passer. He'll take the ball down the lane in traffic and he'll also rebound. That's why he's respected by his teammates. He gets down in the trenches, too, but he can still make the Bob Cousy pass."

Phil Ford sank a 20-footer as the Kings rallied from an eight-point deficit in the final three minutes to defeat the Supersonics 107-105. Otis Birdsong led Kansas City with 24 points while Fred Brown had 27 for Seattle.

Eddie Johnson scored 24 points for Atlanta in a 106-103 victory over the Bucks.

Only Borg is unbeaten in Maryland

SALISBURY, Maryland, Feb. 22 (AP) — Bjorn Borg of Sweden remained the only undefeated player after three rounds of the \$200,000 WCT Invitational Tennis Tournament with a methodical 6-3, 6-3 victory over Edie Dibbs of the U.S. Thursday night.

The victory gave Borg a 3-0 record in the round-robin event, entering Friday's match against Jimmy Connors of the U.S. who downed Romanian-born Ilie Nastase in the third round 6-4, 6-4.

The surprise of the tournament, Vijay Amritraj of India, who upset Connors Wednesday night, defeated Winnipeg's John Alexander in the other match 6-3, 6-4.

Borg clinched the opening set against Dibbs with a break in the fifth game, then gathered two break points on his service in the seventh game of the second set before holding to seal the outcome.

Borg has now beaten Dibbs 15 times without losing since 1974.

The Connors-Nastase encounter was relatively uneventful after Connors had struck a fan following his match Wednesday night and Nastase had engaged in several verbal exchanges with spectators.

Connors and Amritraj have 2-1 records in the quest to qualify for Sunday's final and a \$100,000 top prize.

In Mexico City John McEnroe, undefeated in 10 Davis Cup singles matches, was drawn to play opening match for the United States against Mexico in the best-of-five North American zone final series, beginning Friday.

The feisty, talented McEnroe will face Mexico's no. 1 player, Raul Ramirez, in the first singles. In the second singles match Friday, Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States will play Mexico's Marcelo Lara.

McEnroe, also unbeaten in his last two Davis Cup doubles matches, will team with Peter Fleming in Saturday's doubles against Ramirez and Lara.

Sunday's final two singles matches will pit Gerulaitis against Ramirez in the opener and McEnroe against Lara in the final.

The draw was held Thursday. The United States has won the Davis Cup each of the last two years and holds a 22-3 advantage over Mexico in their long series.

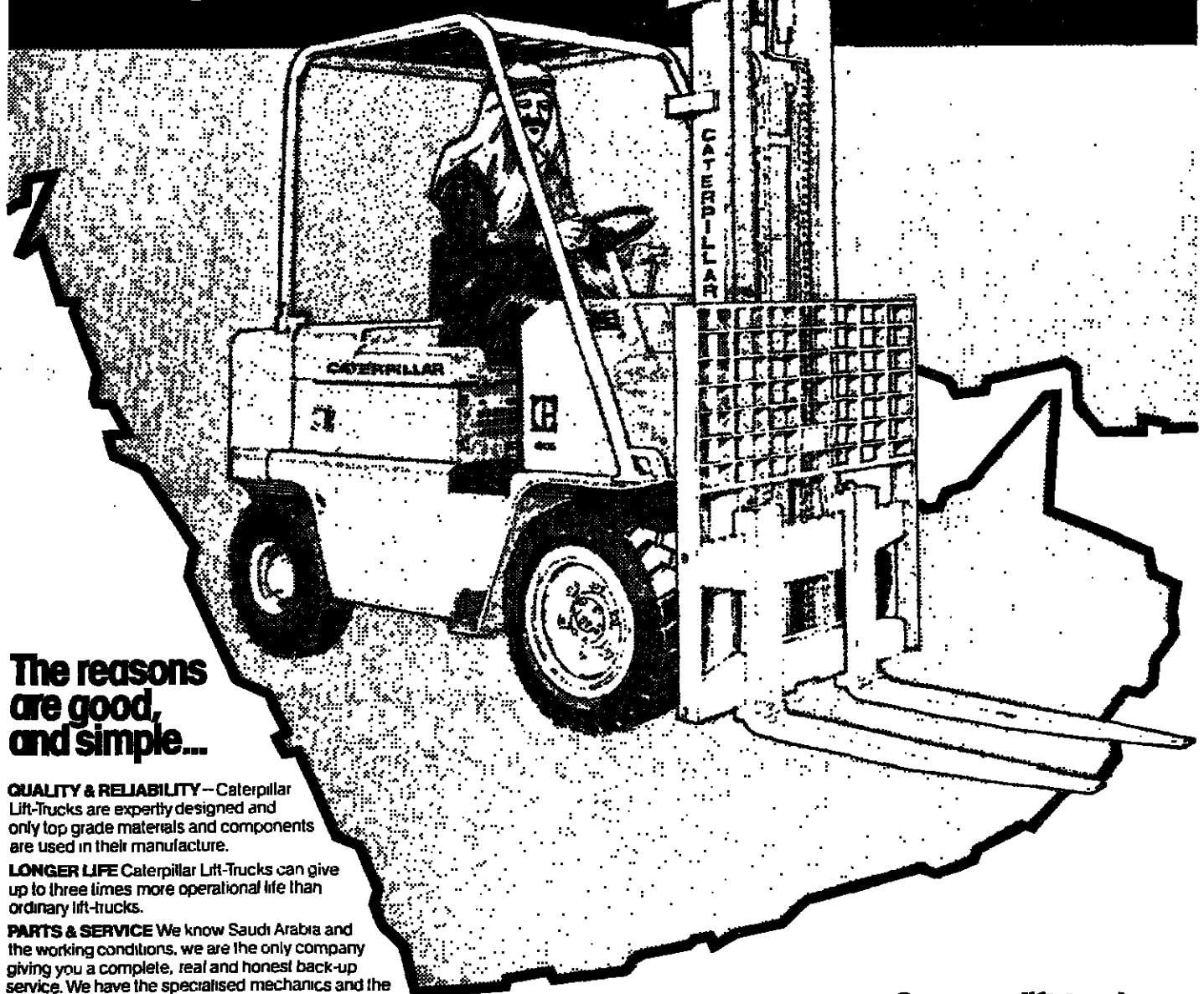
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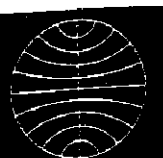
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ELUSIVE WESTERN UNITY

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's present European tour shows, by its very undertaking, that the Western alliance is far from united in its response to Soviet expansionism, as exemplified most recently by the attack on Afghanistan. Those who have hoped for an immediate, strong and united Western response are right to feel disappointed.

The start of the Vance mission coincided with the expiry of the time limit set by President Carter, within which the Soviet armies were to leave Afghanistan if America was to take part in the Moscow Olympics. It is therefore certain now that the Americans will not compete in Moscow this summer.

The European community member states chose to make public their own stand on the Afghanistan crisis on the eve of Vance's visit. Their solution was that, in exchange for a Soviet withdrawal, Afghanistan would be declared a neutral country, with its status as such guaranteed by the international community.

The Soviet Union, it is certain, would find this less than satisfactory, for it would rather have a thoroughly subjugated Afghanistan than a neutral one. Yet it is also certain that they would consider such a proposal in one of two eventualities: If the Soviet presence in Afghanistan becomes too costly from the military point of view (rather a remote eventuality at present); or if it thought that a withdrawal would be more profitable than a continued occupation.

For the Soviet leadership to be convinced that a withdrawal is the best course, several conditions have first to be obtained. Among these is the Western unity in the face of the invasion which Vance is seeking to weld in his present effort. But it must be recognized that, though certainly important, this condition is not the decisive one. And that together with the other conditions, it stands or falls on a primary consideration, which is purely internal to Afghanistan.

This is the feeling of the people of Afghanistan themselves on the Soviet intervention. For it has to be recognized that had the people of Afghanistan really been a willing party to Soviet designs, no one would have had the right to object. But the fact is that the vast majority of the Afghan people rejected utterly this violation of their sovereignty, and resisted it with all their might. There is no question that they will carry on fighting as long as the invading force remains on their soil.

The Islamic resistance is augmented by the feeling of shock in the Islamic and Third World, which sees this violation as a direct threat to its own sovereignty. This feeling has to be translated into concrete political and military terms: The resistance must be given all political and material help to sustain and increase its pressure against the invading power. The Soviet Union must be made aware of the political cost of its blunder as well as the military one.

This is the second condition, and is in increasing obtainment, despite some waverers in the ranks who, for reasons of political expediency preferred to keep silent as an independent, nonaligned nation was so cynically violated. And it is only after it that the role of the Western alliance in facing up to Soviet aggression begins.

The Carter administration, no doubt, feels the same bitterness toward its allies as that felt by the majority of the leaders of the Third World toward those who did not dare to stand up and be counted when the need arose. It has been prompt to take its own counter-measures, such as banning the export of wheat and high technology to the Soviet Union, as well as such demonstrations of protest as boycotting the Moscow Olympics. The Americans knew they could not fight a land war with the Soviet Union over Afghanistan, and had to make the weight of their displeasure felt in this way.

But the Americans knew of the hesitancy in Europe to follow suit; hence Vance's visit. France had declared it will not attend the foreign ministerial meeting which was to be convened in Bonn because, it said, it reflected a "confrontationist policy." The Federal Republic of Germany is keeping a low profile, advocating "quiet diplomacy" to solve the problem. Britain, which started out as fully committed to support the American line, has had to align itself with the general European stand, although it says that this detracts nothing from its commitment.

It is therefore this third condition which awaits a modicum of fulfilment — that minimal resolution to make the Soviets pay politically and economically for its blunder in Afghanistan, which can make the Soviet leadership recalculate the balance of loss and profit and see the sense of an immediate withdrawal. The European call for a neutral Afghanistan will otherwise fall on deaf ears. The Europeans have to back it with willingness to act in such a way as to give it real weight.



Yugoslavia's fears of Soviet intervention mount

By Louis B. Fleming

BELGRADE — The invasion of Afghanistan has heightened fears of Soviet intervention here in Yugoslavia, where President Tito's independent brand of communism has resisted Kremlin domination for decades.

A former member of the Yugoslav government, expressing openly what officials will not acknowledge, said the other day:

"The risks of Soviet intervention, after Afghanistan, have increased many times."

A Western military expert said that events in Afghanistan had "alerted them (the Yugoslavs) that it could very well happen to them — and soon."

Their remarks reflected the anxiety that swept Yugoslavia when Soviet troops moved into Afghanistan on Dec. 27, a development that gives Yugoslavs more cause for worry than the deteriorating health of Tito.

Many Yugoslavs continue to feel, on reflection, that no Soviet military move is likely here in the near future. But they are nonetheless apprehensive.

"I grew up under one occupation — German — and I fear another," a middle-aged Yugoslav intellectual said. "I do not want my son to live under an occupation or to fight another war." He was speaking in a crowded cafe, where frivolity seemed to prevail. But he was deadly serious, genuinely afraid.

Nevertheless, two things have gone well in the last few weeks:

— The collective leadership, designed to replace the one-man rule of Tito, seemed to be working well. It was not just invented. Some elements have been in place for nine years.

— The military call-up system, designed to mobilize more than 5 million fighting men in a matter of hours and activated during the invasion also seemed to work well, although it was given only a partial test.

There is no doubt that the Yugoslavs would resist any attack from outside.

"They would fight like caged lions," one Yugoslav predicted.

The military is organized as a grassroots defense. "The historic roots are in the partisan war against the Nazis," a military expert said.

There is a standing Yugoslav army of 260,000 more than half of them conscripts serving 15 to 18 months. Behind them are reserves and the territorial forces scattered throughout the country, counted in the millions — some say at least 5 million — on three-hour call for mobilization. They are equipped with small arms, with mortars and artillery nearby, and many are organized and drilling in their factories and on their farms.

"The casualties for an aggressor would be enormous," a Western expert said. "We could destroy 10 to 15 divisions, and it would require a substantial force to maintain an occupation," a Yugoslav said.

But neither the Yugoslav army nor the recent performance of the collective leadership guarantee political stability or national security in the long term.

Tito has planned his succession with an eye to one thing: balancing power among the jealous, often-

bickering six republics and two autonomous provinces that make up Yugoslavia.

Each must be represented in Communist Party as well as government councils. Thus the party is ruled by a presidium with three members from each of the six republics and two from each of the two provinces, plus one from the army's party organization. The chairmanship rotates annually, providing a further guarantee that no single Serb, Croat or Slovene will rise to individual authority.

Beyond Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia, Yugoslavia consists of the republics of Bosnia Herzegovina, Macedonia and Montenegro, plus the provinces of Vojvodina and Kosovo.

The government is ruled by a committee of eight, again with rotating chairmanship, with no provision for a president after Tito.

"It cannot last," a Western diplomat said, speaking of the collective leadership. "It is inconceivable that we would introduce any changes," a prominent Yugoslav countered.

Most seem convinced that the structures of succession now in place will inevitably yield to change. Many forecast the emergence of a small, elite executive group that would include some new faces. Others are convinced that ultimately another superstar will rise to take Tito's place.

"We are already in the post-Tito period," one leading Yugoslav said.

Tito's role has been negligible for the last few years," a retired government official commented.

There seems to be little question of that. But Tito's role, however small in recent years, has included settlement of disputes that might otherwise have gotten out of hand. When he dies, he will be missed in that role. The void could be perilous.

Yugoslavs talk of three threats within the country:

— The tottering economy. "I put that first," an elder statesman said. High inflation, a trade imbalance and an overheated economy are negatively affecting almost everyone.

— Jealousy among the six republics and two provinces.

— A "fifth column" that includes a small group of "people who would like to invite the Soviet Union in to solve our problems," and provocateurs whose rumor-mongering troubles the leadership.

There is more economic dependence on the Soviet bloc than Yugoslavia would like. That is a critical factor behind new efforts to pry bigger concessions in technology and trade from the European Common Market. More than half of Yugoslavia's trade is with the Soviet bloc and one-third of its oil comes from the Soviet Union.

Some are convinced that the friction among the republics and provinces is at an all-time low point, that cooperation has never been better. There is no evidence to refute that belief, but the subject is still sensitive.

There have been unconfirmed reports of some dissident arrests recently. Government officials say that there has been no such action but that the dissidents are known and watched. All agree that not many are involved.

There are some old Stalinists whose first love is Moscow and some Croatian nationalists who would like to dismember the republic.

Other potential problems appear to be under control. Bulgarian provocations have not seemed to stir any sympathy among the more than one million Macedonians who, according to Bulgaria, are right-

fully part of Bulgaria, and the bleak situation in Albania seems to be an effective deterrent to any nationalist movement among the more than one million Albanians in Kosovo Province.

"The real threat is perceived as external," a military expert said. "That is evident in the whole organization of security."

But the defense capability has severe limitations, exacerbated in the last four years by the Soviet Union's cutbacks on repairs and replacements.

The military was armed largely by the West in the first years after Yugoslavia's break with Stalinist Moscow in 1948. But in the decade from 1965 to 1975 a rapprochement with Moscow turned the supply picture around: 96 per cent of the purchases in that period came from the Soviet bloc.

The best tanks are Soviet M-54s and M-55s, with aging 100 mm. guns and outdated gunights. The best fighter is the MiG 21. The early-warning radar system is of East bloc origin, and inadequate. Air matters have been made worse by the slowdown of cancellation of repairs and replacement parts.

There are reports of tentative agreement to make the improved Soviet T-72 tank available to Yugoslavia. The Yugoslavs are also shopping in the West. The need coincides, unfortunately for Yugoslavia, with a desperate shortage of funds.

On defense matters, Yugoslavia is a prisoner of its treasured policy of nonalignment. Both East and West deny their best weapons to those in between. Yet nonalignment has not bought the insurance from aggression that Tito had hoped for, as he and the other Yugoslavs were reminded when the Soviets moved into Afghanistan. (LAT).

Secrets of Shanghai's atomic lab

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON—

"Let's talk in the office."

"No. Don't take me there."

"Why?"

"I'm afraid ... I can't take any more stress."

Various settings suggest themselves for this dialogue. Among the least likely is Shanghai's Atomic Nuclear Research Institute. Equally unlikely is the source of the story: Shanghai's leading newspaper, *Wen Hui Bao*. Investigative reporting has come to China.

Reporting in the Western sense is only just beginning to appear in the Chinese press, hitherto limited to proclamations, speeches, and other manifestations of policy. Now there are even crime stories. The Chinese scene is being presented as news for the first time since the fall of the "Gang" in 1976.

The probe into the Shanghai Nuclear Research Institute revealed disgruntled staff, in sharp contrast to the endlessly cheerful workers usually on show in the press, and *Wen Hui Bao* challenged the party to step in and clean up the mess.

The expose was an easily imaginable one of internal bickering, resentment, and slack leader-

ship, especially by the party. None of the difficulties was directly attributed by the paper to the Gang of Four, the explanation commonly offered for shortfalls in any area of Chinese life.

Brushing aside such a convenient alibi, *Wen Hui Bao*'s editor pointed out: "some three years have elapsed since the downfall of the Gang of Four. Why can't the party's policy toward intellectuals be implemented effectively in this research institute?"

The answer, for the editor, lay not in class warfare, but in bitchy office politics. This is how the story unfolded:

Wen Hui Bao's reporter discovers one of the institute's leading lights in "the quiet corner of a tea-house." He is Zhang Jiahua, a nuclear physicist who returned from America in 1949. Asked about his work he answered curtly, "It's hard to get things done," and changes the subject. He cannot, he says, bear any more strain.

The reporter subsequently learns that, after his return from the U.S. Zhang was treated as a spy for many years. Later, during the Gang period, he nearly died. Although cleared of all charges he remains under suspicion in the institute, never allowed, for instance, to attend important meetings on his own.

Several days with other institute scientists and

cadres uncover discontent with the administration. Scientific work, arbitrarily begun and peremptorily canceled, is described as chaotic.

When tackled by *Wen Hui Bao*'s man, the party secretary "scratches his head and in an annoyed voice" admits that matters have escaped from the party's supervision. Party committee members, the reporter hears, gossip about the staff and leak confidential matters which then become "the talk of the town."

The reporter searches for Huang Tiansheng, a senior cyclotron engineer and party member who had a nervous breakdown under the Gang and is now in hospital "resting from overwork." Since Huang cannot be visited, the journalist interviews the head of the cyclotron unit, who accuses Huang of looking down on workers and of cockiness. Another colleague refutes this. Huang Tiansheng has been sick all this time because of what he has heard about himself.

Inherent in these disclosures is the continuing Chinese dependence on political authority to resolve even scientific and personal tangles. The reporter calls on "the higher-level party" to come to the rescue. "The comrades of the whole institute are waiting." —(OFNS)

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Weekend newspapers mostly led with the Israeli settlements policy in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan and Gaza sector. *Al Jazirah* and *Okaz* played as the United Nations Security Council's discussion on Israeli moves, while *Al Riyadh* reported its lead demonstrations on the West Bank protesting against the opening of the Israeli embassy in Cairo. *Al Medina* treated as its lead story Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini's moves to reinforce the position of President Bani-Sadr as his successor. Libyan President Muammar Qaddafi's threat to withdraw his ambassadors from Gulf states in retaliation for the visit of French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing to that region, received prominent play.

The newspapers front-paged satisfactory reports on King Khalid's health, quoting the Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi as saying in a statement that exertion and overwork caused the present disposition of the monarch. They also said that French Premier Raymond Barre's

visit to Saudi Arabia has been postponed indefinitely because of the King's ill health.

Al-Yom said in a front-page story that the U.S. is exerting intense diplomatic efforts to muster the support of its allies for retaliatory measures against Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan. *Al Medina* gave front-page highlight to the Zionist lobby's campaign against the British and Irish governments to prevent them from recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and amending resolution 242 of the U.N. Security Council.

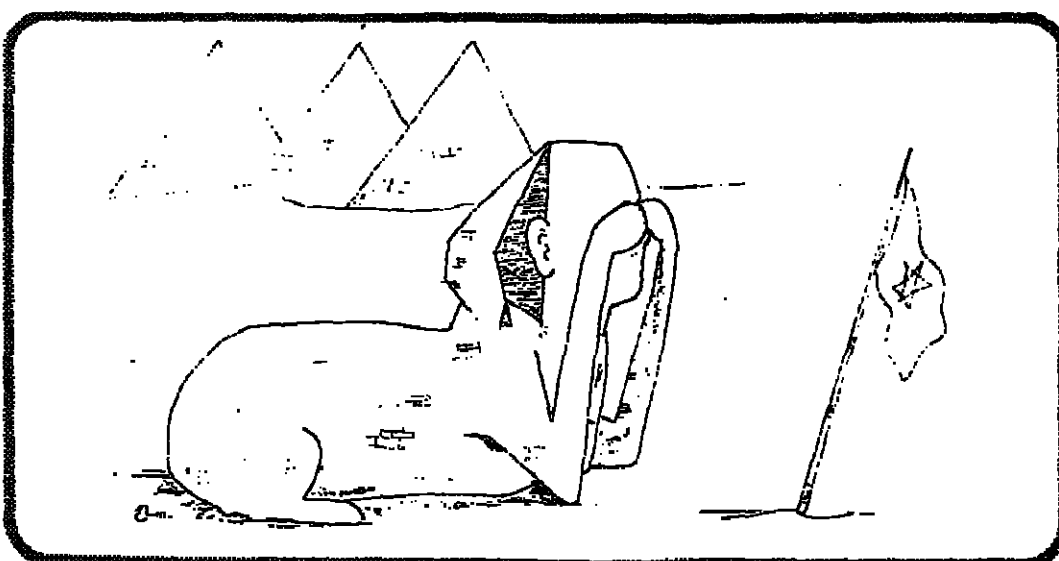
King Khalid's presentation of Al-Hada Hospital, which was built from his special funds, to the armed forces personnel figured prominently on the front page of *Okaz*, which also highlighted the U.S. decision to boycott the Moscow Olympics.

Dealing with the Jewish settlements on the occupied Arab lands, *Al Medina* said that, in order to perpetuate their rule in occupied Arab territory, and to displace the Palestinian people, the Jews made it a cornerstone in their policy to

build as many settlements as possible. The more they succeeded in their expansionist designs with the help of both the Western and Eastern Blocs the larger become the dimensions of the Palestinian problem. The Eastern bloc, with the support of the Soviet Union, encouraged Jewish emigration to occupied Palestine, while the West supported the idea with funds and weapons the paper said.

In an editorial, *Al Jazirah* referred to the Zionist Judaization activities in the occupied Arab territory. It said that Israeli intelligence went so far as to encourage it to convert one of the most sacred sites of Islam in occupied Hebron into a Jewish temple. As a result of its aggressive policies and a racist-Zionist ideology, Israel could and would never enjoy any status among the comity of nations, said the paper.

Okaz said that continuous atrocities against Palestinian Arabs in the occupied territory makes it clear that plots had been pre-planned to perpetuate Israeli occupation.



Al Jazirah

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The world goes to Washington

By Christopher Dickey and Donnel Nunes

WASHINGTON— On any given day, people from all over the world arrive in Washington. Some come as visitors, to work or to play, to protest or plead. Others plan to spend a few years here as students, diplomats or political exiles. And then there are those who come to stay — the growing numbers of

immigrants, refugees and the aliens who settle here illegally. Some fly into Dulles International Airport on the Concorde; others are smuggled across the 14th Street Bridge hidden in the backs of pickup trucks. They arrive on buses and trains, speaking Spanish or Vietnamese, French or Hindi, or the many languages of Africa.

They are making Washington something it has never been before — an international city. The signs of change are everywhere. Washington is not yet Paris or London, not by a long shot. But it is a far different city than the Washington of 20 or 10 or even five years ago.

"It was a prairie, just a prairie. There was nothing here, really," said one businessman

ton is an international city." World famous opera companies — La Scala and the Vienna State Opera — perform for packed houses at the Kennedy Center, and return home without playing New York. The soft murmur of foreign accents can be heard as visitors stroll through the new East Building of the National Gallery of Art, and the National Theater.

Parisian-style sidewalk cafes in many Washington neighborhoods now outnumber luncheonettes, and scores of new restaurants have opened in recent years offering everything from Ethiopian to Thai cuisine.

The faces one sees on the streets, the languages one hears on the subway, even the names encountered in the telephone directory are daily reminders of the myriad countries from which Washington now draws its population. The world seems to be moving to Washington's backyard.

The process began in the 1950s as dozens of emerging nations, eager to ratify their

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membership in the international community, opened embassies here. Even as Washington received hundreds of these new international envoys — swelling the number of diplomatic families here to its present 2,300 — the U.S. government sent thousands of Americans to foreign lands. They went off by the plane load, representing not just the State Department but also AID, USIA and a swarm of other agencies.

Many of these Americans came back to Washington in the 1960s and 1970s not just with the usual collection of artifacts, but with new international interests, tastes and friends. The internationalization of Washington was also fueled by the rapid growth of such organizations as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Pan American Health Organization, whose headquarters staffs here have expanded sharply.

International organizations here today boast more than 4,000 foreign employees,



contributing a melange of sarongs, dashikis, turbans and flowing Arab gowns to the rush-hour street scenes along Pennsylvania Avenue.

The pace of change increased most dramatically in the 70s, when a sagging dollar suddenly made Washington an increasingly attractive vacation option for European and Japanese visitors.

By the thousands they came. And Washington today makes them welcome.

Foreign tourists casually handing a stack of Swiss francs or German marks to the cashier of a Washington hotel as they check out, however, get a far warmer reception than they would have if they attempted to pay their bill in a foreign currency in the 1950s.

As they came to visit, many wealthier tourists decided that Washington was a place where at least some of their money might like to find a home. The price of a house or a co-op may strike many Americans as high, but real estate here looks like a bargain compared to prices in Paris or Munich.

At the upper income levels, foreign investors have begun to shape and stimulate the patterns of investment, the tastes and the fashions of the city.

This is only one side of the internationalization of Washington.

There were other forces at work in the 1970s as well — the flood of Southeast

refugees, increasing concern over the problems posed by illegal aliens, the rising voice of Hispanics in local politics.

These currents, also part of the internationalization of the city, demand public attention, for they touch the everyday life of every person who considers Washington home.

At the lower levels of the pay and prestige scale, Washingtonians now compete for jobs with foreign-born workers who bring a new sense of possibility and perseverance to occupations that Americans too often scorn as too menial. The mom and pop who runs the corner grocery store in Washington today are as likely to have been born in Korea as in the District of Columbia.

Washington's schools now must cope with even greater numbers of children for whom English is a second language. Five percent of the total public school enrollment in the Washington area — 21,628 pupils — are citizens of foreign countries.

Washington's streets, with increasing frequency, are the scenes of protest over issues of great importance mainly to countries that most Americans would have trouble finding on a map.

The city's racial and ethnic frictions no longer are plainly etched in black and white, but rise from the complex tones of clashing cultures and new, often alien values.

Some essentially foreign-born groups are seeking successfully to influence the tenor and policies of the local government — which is now their government as much as anyone else's.

The precise number of new immigrants here is hard to pinpoint. Estimates of the foreign-born population now living in the metropolitan area which are not American citizens range upwards from 100,000, but it is a population that is so mobile, so new and in some cases so hidden from the government that accurate figures do not yet exist.

Washington has reached the stage where private groups and the city government have begun not only to recognize its international character but to try and build on it. Mayor Marian Barry, for instance, has a full-time staff member whose business it is to promote the development of international investment in Washington.

As a Londoner who now makes his home here remarked recently over a cup of coffee (in an Italian restaurant served by a Central American waiter), "Great cities are not made. Great cities become."

And what Washington becomes, ultimately, will be determined not by grand plans but by the unguided, collective impact of the individuals and families who arrive here — their successes, their failures, their expectations.

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Finance minister threatens resignation

Dutch coalition affirms stand

THE HAGUE, Feb. 22 (R) — The Dutch government said it had no intention of stepping down, despite the threatened resignation of Finance Minister Frans Andriessen in a row over public spending cuts.

The cabinet published plans to slash public expenditure by an extra three billion guilders (\$ 1.56 billion) this year.

Andriessen has rejected the cuts as insufficient for holding down a record budget deficit.

Parliament discussed the issue until around midnight, then adjourned its debate until next Tuesday without taking a vote.

Leaders of the Christian Democratic and Liberal (VVD) Parties, which make up the ruling center-right coalition, defended their package of measures as a correct response to a worsening national economic situation. They said no other minister would join Andriessen in tendering his resignation.

Andriessen's resignation offer has not yet been formally accepted by Queen Juliana. The other members of the cabinet will meet Friday and are expected to consider the appointment of his successor.

The cabinet said a restriction of the inflation indexed wage rise could mean that workers would not receive compensation for

higher energy prices.

Half the proposed cuts in spending will come from reductions in the central government budget, partly through giving departments less compensation for higher prices.

The government would also save on contributions to social benefit funds, public officials' salaries, planned contributions to local authority and provincial funds and contributions in the health field.

The government said it intended to introduce tougher laws to encourage energy saving. It was also determined to increase the price of exported Dutch gas. Economics Minister Gijsbert van Aardenne would continue talks on this with West Germany, Belgium and France.

Labor Party leader Joop den Uyl led a verbal assault from the opposition on the government during a parliamentary debate on the crisis.

Den Uyl, a former prime minister, said the imminent departure of Andriessen had deprived the cabinet of its right to remain in office. Andriessen was the spiritual father of the government's policy of public spending cuts and he had come to the conclusion that this policy could not be carried out. Den Uyl said.

British present immigration law to clamp down on 'bogus marriages'

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP) — The government presented new amendments to Britain's immigration rules designed to clamp down on abuses of the present system. A principal aim is to stop the admission of men through bogus marriages and engagements.

The changes have been worked out in discussions with lawmakers and immigrant organizations under authority delegated by Parliament to Home Secretary William Whitelaw.

The new rules presented to Parliament by

Whitelaw will apply to all immigration decisions taken after March 1. Although under the delegated legislation they do not require Parliamentary approval before they come into force, they can be halted if a resolution is passed in Parliament objecting to them.

Under the new rules a husband or fiancé will be ineligible to come to live in Britain if the immigration authorities are satisfied that the marriage or engagement was contracted with little other object than to get the man into Britain.



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In Spanish 'massacre' trial

Threats, riots on increase

MADRID, Feb. 22 (R) — The managing director of the Spanish News Agency EFE, Luis Maria Anson, said he had been threatened with death by an extreme right-wing group if seven suspected rightist guerrillas now detained were not freed by April 1.

The agency quoted Anson as saying he had been told about the threat by Minister Antonio Ibanez Freire. It was reported to be contained in a document found by police investigating the "Spanish Basque Battalion."

EFE said the group wanted the release of four men and a woman currently on trial in the "Atocha massacre" case.

They are accused of involvement in the killing of four Communist lawyers and an assistant at an office in Madrid's Atocha street three years ago. He said the group was also demanding the release of two members of the neo-Fascist movement Fuerza Nueva (New Force) detained in connection with the murder of a Basque student girl earlier this

month.

Meanwhile, riot police dispersed rival groups who clashed outside the Justice Palace after the morning session of a trial of Francoists accused of the slaying.

The incident involved youths clad in the blue shirt of the right-wing Falange Party and Communist sympathizers on Thursday.

The former shouted for amnesty for the defendants while the other group called for heavy prison terms, sought by the prosecution in the trial.

Club-swinging police dispersed the demonstrators, some of whom were treated for bruises. No arrests were reported.

Another Falange Party member was expelled from the courtroom during Thursday's proceedings and handed over to judicial authorities, charged with public disorder.

On hearing one of the prosecution witnesses call the massacre of Communists "an infamous massacre," one dissatisfied youth shouted, "It was five pigs that they killed."

Tanzania threatens troop pullout if Uganda leaders continue quarrel

UGANDA, Feb. 22 (AP) — A Ugandan government source quoted President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania as saying he would order Tanzanian soldiers out of Uganda if Ugandan leaders did not resolve their quarrels.

Nyerere cited Tanzania's economic troubles on Thursday in threatening the troop pullout, but the threat appeared mainly as an attempt to end the disputes between Ugandan President Godfrey Binaisa and the legislature, the Ugandan source said.

The source declined to be identified. Tanzania invaded Uganda a year ago to depose Dictator Idi Amin. After the war,

820,000 Tanzanian recruits remained in Uganda to act as the sole security force while the country's own scattered arms were rebuilt.

Removal of the Tanzanians would leave Uganda without an effective army, and apparently at the mercy of armed units of several thousand men believed loyal to individual leaders rather than to the national government.

Calls for 'constant vigil'

Gandhi lashes big powers

NEW DELHI, Feb. 22 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi accused the super powers of trying to "surround" India, the United News of India reported.

Gandhi claimed on Thursday that the "big powers," which she did not name, were posing "external threats" to India.

She made the remarks in a speech at Rae Bareilly, located about 500 kilometers south-east of here, UNI said.

"The challenges have to be met squarely," UNI quoted the Indian stateswoman as saying. She said super power rivalry had brought cold war to the region.

Gandhi also stressed the need for Indians to maintain "constant vigilance" but did not elaborate.

In separate development, Former Prime Minister Charan Singh said India should have protested Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's attack on Pakistan during his recent visit here.

"Gromyko had no right to issue a threat to Pakistan while he was in India," Singh declared, the United News of India reported from Lucknow, northern India, where the former prime minister held a news conference.

During his Feb. 12-14 visit, Gromyko lashed out at Pakistan for allegedly arming Afghan rebels fighting the Moscow-backed regime in Kabul.

Singh refused comment on the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan but said the week-old government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had not taken a "clear stand on the issue."

Last month, at the end of his tenure, Singh called on Yuri Voronov, the Soviet Ambassador to India, and told him bluntly: Soviet Troops must pull out of Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, India's two main Communist opposition parties, whose last year opened the way for Premier Indira Gandhi's return to power, are considering merger.

Singh said discussions were in progress to merge the Lok Dal (People's Party) and Janata party. Lok Dal committee will discuss the issue on Saturday.

Janata president Chandra Shekhar said party's national executive would meet next week, with merger or cooperation as the Lok Dal the main point on its agenda.

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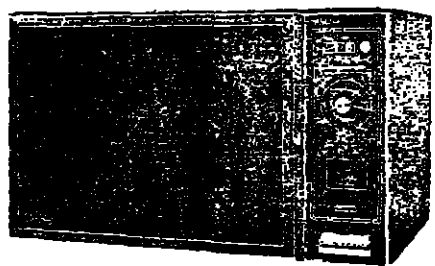
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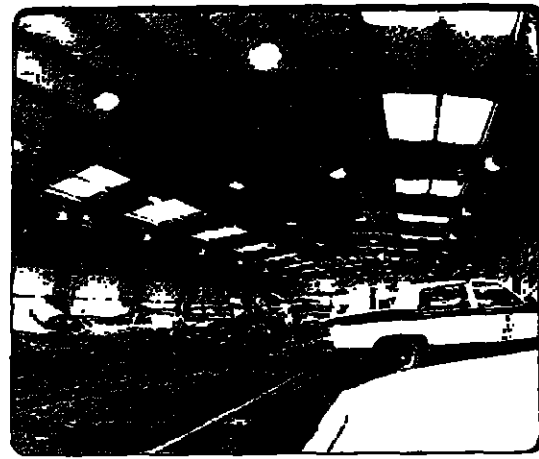
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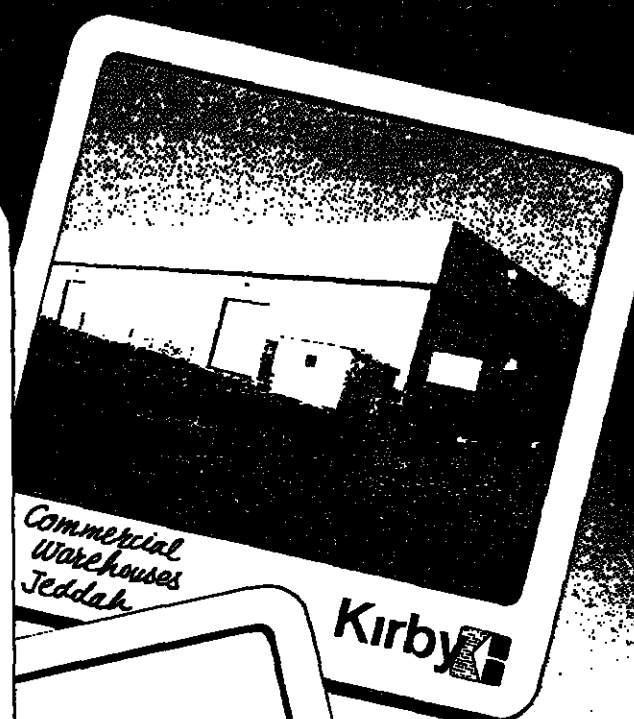


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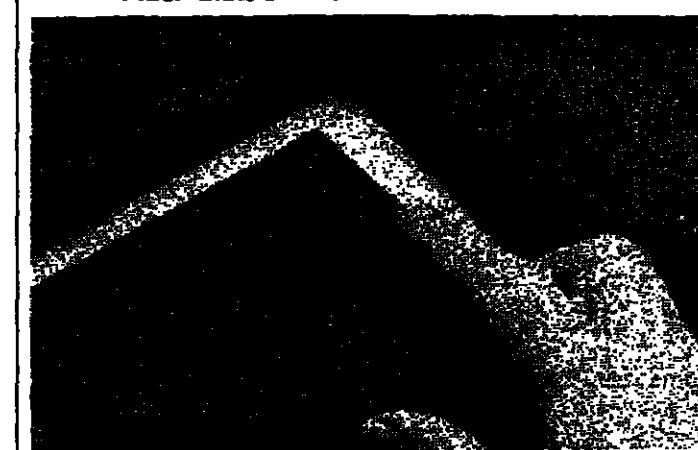
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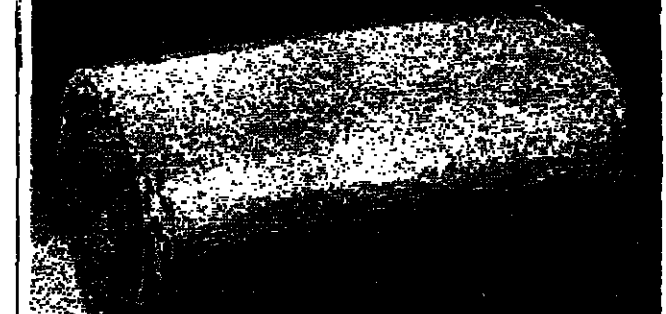
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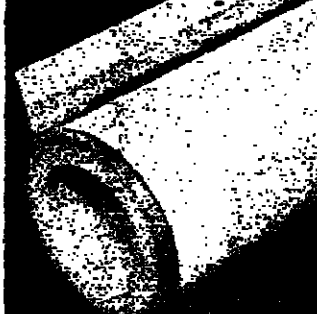
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Cambodia refugees claim harassment

By Pol Pot sympathizers

SA KAEW, Thailand, Feb. 22 (AP) — Some Cambodians in this Thai refugee camp are smuggling out pleas for help, claiming that Pol Pot strongmen who live among them are trying to force them to return against their will to fight in Cambodia.

One refugee, interviewed in his thatched hut inside the camp, said a small number of leaders from the fallen Cambodian government of former Premier Pol Pot have instilled in the camp the same spirit with which they

ran their country. He said they are preventing refugees from registering with the international red cross for potential resettlement abroad.

The office of the U.N. high commissioner for refugees, which oversees Thailand's refugee camps, said this week it is concerned over reports of such complaints and is bringing the matter to the attention of Thai government officials, who are in charge of security at the camps.

One smuggled message to a Western embassy, signed "victim in the refugee camp," said killers backing Pol Pot "are forcing innocent people to return against their will."

It asked, "does the international red cross plan to send Cambodian refugees back to Cambodia so that the Pol Pot regime can implement secret plans to kill more innocent people?"

The 25,000 people in Sa Kaew lived under the control of Pol Pot's guerrillas in Cambodia and crossed into Thailand last October on their orders and under their supervision.

As Western aid workers brought Sa Kaew's hunger and disease under control, the Pol Pot cadres among the refugees quietly asserted their own influence in the camp, setting up an internal command structure and handling distribution of Western-donated supplies.

"The food control gives them tremendous leverage," a Western relief worker said.

"They tell people the red cross gives rice to Cambodians only because of Pol Pot. They say, 'You are eating Pol Pot's rice, nobody else's,'" said the anonymous refugee letter writer.

One refugee in the thatched hut of a former French teacher who asked that his name not be revealed, said the Pol Pot men also enforce their power by saying that all who do not obey them will be killed when they return to Cambodia.

"It's just like in the old days under Pol Pot," he said. "People listen in, especially at night."

He said the camp is divided into 11 sections, each of which has 15 or 20 smaller divisions, and that Pol Pot men control each of these units as well as each individual row of huts and each group of four rows.

The cadres are under the control of a man named Lim, he said. "They have a project to return the men to Cambodia. Lim said all men and able-bodied women will have to go to Cambodia."

Sa Kaew, like the three other "holding centers" for Cambodians in Thailand, is considered to be only temporary, and Thai authorities, while pledging not to force anyone to return against his will, hope eventually to move most of the population back to Cambodia.

If the Pol Pot men who represent the Sa Kaew refugees tell Thai authorities that all want to return, and intimidate other people from raising an objection, Western relief workers fear some numbers of refugees could be returned unwillingly.

Bribe scandal causes Kelly to quit caucus

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (R) — Republican Congressman Richard Kelly, who has admitted taking \$25,000 in a political corruption probe, tearfully resigned from his party's



Rep. Richard Kelly

caucus before it had a chance to force him out.

He had become an embarrassment to the party as it headed into the November elections since he was the only republican among seven members of the House of Representatives and one Senator who have been implicated in the investigation.

Kelly had admitted taking the \$25,000 from Federal Bureau of Investigation undercover agents posing as Arab businessmen in a political bribery inquiry code named *Absoam*, but returned the money when the scandal broke nearly three weeks ago.

All those implicated have denied any criminal wrongdoing, and none of the democrats, whose party controls both the Senate and the House, has admitted taking any money.

Italy blocks Communists from governing

ROME, Feb. 22 (AP) — The National Congress of the ruling Christian Democrat Party ended a six-day meeting by approving a motion barring the Communist Party from participation in a government.

The fate of Premier Francesco Cossiga's minority government has hinged on how the party congress responded to the recent demand by the Socialist Party for an "emergency government" to include in Communists.

The anti-Communist motion was presented by a coalition of four groups led by Senate President Amintore Fanfani. It got 57.7 per cent of the votes of more than 1,500 delegates against 42.3 per cent of another group led by outgoing Secretary General Benigno Zaccagnini and former premier Giulio Andreotti.

Both Zaccagnini and Andreotti have urged their party not to refuse government talks with the Communists — Italy's second party after the Christian Democrats — out of hand.

The approved motion said that even though the Communist Party has evolved there exist "contrasting positions" that "do not permit joint responsibility for administration" by the Christian Democrats and Communists.



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But not military arms

West Germany to continue Pakistan aid

BONN, West Germany, Feb. 22 (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said West Germany would continue providing economic assistance to India and Pakistan but would not send arms to the Zia government in wake of the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan.

Schmidt made the statement during a meeting with foreign reporters in response to a question about whether the Bonn government would provide arms to Pakistan.

He reminded reporters of West German laws that restrict the distribution of weapons outside the NATO alliance without special permission of the Federal Security Council.

The United States has offered military aid

to Pakistan to shore up its defenses following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan last December.

U.S. President Jimmy Carter's decision to come to the aid of Pakistan's president Muhammad Zia ul-Haq has led to further strains in Washington's relations with India.

During his remarks, Schmidt reminded his audience that India has been one of the leading recipients of West German economic aid in the third world.

He also noted that West Germany had sought to maintain an even-handed policy in its relations with both Delhi and Islamabad.

The chancellor was asked whether he

thought the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan was directed at securing a warm-water port and securing oil supplies in the Persian Gulf region.

"That is a bit of an incomplete description of the actual situation," he said. "The presence of Soviet warplanes, and not just transport planes and helicopters, but also fighter bombers on Afghanistan's airports considerably increases their reach to the south, to the southeast, to the southwest and to the west when compared with the range they had when still stationed in the area of Samarkand or Tashkent," Schmidt said.

"It is indeed a strategic shift of power, or as I said earlier, a change of balance."

In 'Coming of Age' ceremony

Japanese pageant to honor Prince Hiro

TOKYO, Feb. 22 (AP) — Prince Hiro, eldest grandson of Emperor Hirohito and second in line to Japan's 2,600-year-old Chrysanthemum throne, is scheduled to receive in Crown of Manhood in ceremonies marking his 20th birthday Saturday.

The "Coming of Age" ceremonies for the Prince, a university sophomore, will be the first ever in Japan conducted for the grandson of a still-reigning emperor. Hirohito, now 78, is in the 55th year of his reign.

The traditional rites in the Imperial palace also will be the first ever broadcast live on national television. They are expected to

provide Japan's royalty watchers with the most colorful pageant.

The Imperial household agency said the prince will travel a mile from the Togu palace, where he lives with his parents, to the Imperial palace in a gold and violet-fringed carriage drawn by two horses.

It was used in Hirohito's 1928 coronation and in the 1952 coming of age ceremony of his father.

In the main ceremony, the prince will remove the cap traditionally worn by juveniles in the aristocracy and don the high-eared headgear of adults. In the after-

noon the Emperor and Empress Nagako will present Hiro with the grand cordon of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum, which is given to adult members of the imperial family.

Unlike princes in ancient times, who celebrated the attainment of manhood between the ages of 11 and 16, and his father Akihito, who came of age at 18, Prince Hiro has waited until his 20th birthday — the legal age of adulthood in Japan.

Imperial household agency officials cite this as an indication of how the imperial family is gradually adapting to the rules followed by regular members of society.

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OPEC strategists agree on long-term price policy

LONDON, Feb. 22 (R) — OPEC's strategy committee led by Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani Friday reached wide agreement on long-term strategy, oil ministers said.

Venezuela strongly supported a recommendation that, in the long term, OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) should adjust oil prices each three months taking into account three factors.

These were Western inflation, currency fluctuations and growth in the Gross National Product of Industrialized Countries. Under the plan the price of a barrel of oil would be linked to a basket of currencies and average inflation rate.

Asked if the five-member long-term strategy committee had agreed to recommend such a mechanism to the rest of OPEC, Sheikh Yamani said, "That is almost in line with what we are suggesting."

Sheikh Yamani said the committee's report would go before an extraordinary meeting of all OPEC oil ministers, probably in May.

If approved it would then go to an OPEC summit in Baghdad in November.

Attending the two-day meeting, besides Sheikh Yamani were the oil ministers of Kuwait, Venezuela, Algeria and Iraq and the governor of the Iranian Central Bank.

OPEC seeks a long-term strategy to enable it to make orderly price adjustments so as to maintain the real price of its oil in a way which

will not damage the world economy.

Conference sources said the draft report also contained suggestions on helping poorer countries to pay for their oil with grants and loans.

The Kuwaiti oil minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah agreed that a new price mechanism could not be brought in before OPEC returns to a unified "market" price for oil.

Following its meeting in Caracas last November its members have been fixing prices themselves. These range from \$26 a barrel charged by Saudi Arabia for its light crude to around \$34 charged by some African producers.

Sheikh Khalifa said, however, that he believed a unified price could be restored by August or September.

The extraordinary oil ministers' meeting in May will only discuss long-term strategy, Sheikh Yamani emphasized. Prices for the short term will probably next be reviewed at a price fixing OPEC meeting due to be held at Algiers in June.

Algerian Oil Minister Bel Kacem Nabi said as the five oil ministers and the Iranian Central Bank governor started their talks that there was little likelihood of a long-term agreement on specific and concrete aims as long as OPEC failed to agree on immediate issues.

"We have first to agree on a point of departure," he said.

Nabi was apparently endorsing objections to the London meeting pressed by Iranian Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar.

Moinefar said in Tehran four days ago he did not plan to attend the two-day London meeting because it was a waste of time to discuss the long term when other urgent issues were undecided.

Iraqi Oil Minister Teh Abdel-Karim and other ministers stressed earlier that no short-term issues such as prices would be discussed and that these questions would come up at the regular conference of OPEC ministers in Algiers in June.

Substitute plan for national reserves urged

LONDON, Feb. 22 (R) — A group of international experts Friday called for urgent agreement on a substitute scheme for national currency as a means of stabilizing the world monetary situation.

The independent group strongly backed proposals to create a special "substitution account" in which the International Monetary Fund (IMF) would provide its own sole currency, Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), to central banks in exchange for dollar deposits.

The account would promote SDRs as a reserve asset and offer an alternative diversification of currency reserves by central banks which led to exchange rates fluctuations, the group of 30 experts said in a report published Friday.

Failure to reach an agreement on a new scheme "would risk adding to the volatility of exchange rates and the instability of current international monetary arrangements," they said.

The group also called for explicit discussions among central banks on their reserve currency holdings to calm speculative fears in exchange markets and a major role for the private sector in the substitution plan.

The group of 30 was established in December 1978 with a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to go into basic problems facing the international economic system.

It is chaired by former IMF Managing Director Johannes Witteveen. The study group which prepared the report included Christopher McMahon, who is to become deputy governor of the Bank of England next month, and Reserve bank of India governor I.G. Patel.

The complex substitution account plan was discussed by the world's five leading industrial nations — the United States, West Germany, France, Britain and Canada at a secret meeting in Frankfurt last month.

They were expected to brief the world's big dollar reserve holders, mainly the oil exporting countries, on the scheme.

SDRs's sometimes called "paper gold," were introduced as a supplementary reserve for the world monetary system in 1968.

The group's study said the need for a substitute scheme had gained added urgency because of the prospect that member states of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) were likely to run a substantial current account surplus for a number of years.

In IMF credit

Turkey to receive \$330m

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (R) — The International Monetary Fund will grant Turkey \$330 million worth of credit in a major Western effort to rescue the key NATO ally from economic collapse, monetary officials said.

In the first of two moves that added up to a major breakthrough for the Turks, the IMF announced Thursday it would extend Turkey about \$94 million in new credits from a special bail-out fund.

Then monetary sources said the IMF had also agreed to let Turkey resume use of a blocked line of existing credit. The amount remaining in that line is the equivalent of \$236 million in IMF Special Drawing Rights (SDRs).

Drawings on that account stopped when the Turkish government changed hands a few months ago.

Turkey, which borders the Soviet Union and Iran and is a keystone of NATO's southeastern flank, has heavy international debts, along with soaring domestic inflation and

dependence on imported oil.

Monetary experts said the IMF decisions were crucial to the success of a Western allied effort, led by West Germany, to get fresh international aid for Turkey in return for economic reforms proposed by the Ankara government.

Extension of credit by the IMF, the Washington-based international lending institution, is often a sign of confidence prompting other lenders to come forward with loans.

West German Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer was coordinating the effort to put together a long-term aid package involving members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the IMF, the World Bank, and oil-producing nations.

But in the meantime, Western officials said, Turkey needed a speedy, large-scale infusion of cash aid to finance oil imports and meet other short-term expenses estimated to total about \$600 million.

Market records heavy advances

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 — Wednesday's market brought reversal over the last three trading sessions with stock prices opening

decidedly higher, with the exception of a slight pullback in early morning trading, continued to gain throughout the day posting its heaviest advances in late afternoon trading.

In its revision of last month's GNP report, the Commerce Dept. reported a 2.1 per cent rate of growth.

At the close the DJIA posted a 10.84 gain to 886.86, the DJIT gained 5.12 to 290.08, and DJIU was up .68 to 110.32. Breadth for the first session in over two weeks closed with advancing issues leading decliners. Adv. 869, Dec. 654 UNCH 388 on 44.45 million shares.

World energy issues leaped. Atlantic Richfield up 6 1/2 to 104, Marathon Oil up 4 1/2 to 48, Getty Oil up 4 1/2 to 92, Std. of Ind. up 6 to 111, Std. of Ohio up 4 1/2 to 109 1/2, Mobil gained 7 1/2 to 74 1/2, Halliburton gained 3 to 105, Hughes Tool up 4 1/2 to 63 1/2, Schlumberger gained 4 1/2 to 120 and Murphy Oil rose 3 1/2 to 109 1/2.

Growth and glamours showed positive performances with Merck up 2 1/2 to 67 1/2, Smithline rose 1 1/2 to 56 1/2, Buntrocks gained 1 to 76 1/2, Digital Equipment up 3 1/2 to 79 1/2, M/A Com. lost 1/2 to 38 1/2, Natl Semi up 1/2 to 39, Computervision lost 1/2 to 54 1/2, Hewlett Packard up 1 1/2 to 69 1/2, and CBS gained 1/2 to 52.

Basic industry issues were mixed higher with Natl Steel gaining 1 1/2 to 30 1/2, Dupont rose 1/2 to 41, Dow Chem gained 1 1/2 to 38, Stauffer up 1 1/2 to 18 1/2, Fort Howard Paper down 1/2 to 41 1/2, Colt Industries dropped 1 1/2 to 48 1/2, Great Northern Nekossa up 1/2 to 35 1/2, and Johns Manville up 1/2 to 22 1/2, Autos issues were down with Chrysler off 1/2 to 9 1/2.

Among the aerospace, airlines and rails issues showing positive performances: Boeing up 1 1/2 to 63 1/2, Northrop up 1 1/2 to 53, General Dynamics up 1 1/2 to 73 1/2, Delta up 1/2 to 35 1/2, UAL up 1 1/2 to 20 1/2, Burlington Northern gained 2 1/2, to 72 1/2,

Japanese firm plans Egyptian oil production

TOKYO, Feb. 22 (AP) — The Egyptian Petroleum Development Corp. (EPDC) of Japan said it plans to produce about 8,000 barrels of crude oil per day in an oil field in Egypt beginning in July.

EPDC officials Thursday said the Japanese firm drilling oil holes in the 527-square kilometer area about 300 kilometers south-east of Cairo at a total cost of 5.4 billion yen (\$22 million) confirmed oil deposits in six holes. Each hole would have a daily capacity of producing more than 1,000 barrels of crude oil, the officials said. EPDC has been prospecting the area since November 1976 under a production share contract with Egyptian government-owned Egyptian Petroleum Corp. The contract calls for EPDC to supply fund and technology in return for obtaining 40.5 per cent of crude oil in the mining area, the officials said.

EPDC is owned by the government-owned Japan National Oil Corporation, Mitsui Oil Development Co. and Daiichi Oil Development.

Meanwhile an International Monetary Fund (IMF) delegation has agreed to conditions attached to a new extended credit facility to Egypt, director of IMF Middle East operations Dr. Abdul Shakur Shaalan said. Shaalan, whose delegation has been having talks with Egyptian officials over the past 10 days on the extended credit, declined to state the conditions.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Health	Construction of a hostel for nurses at the Fever Hospital in Unaiyah	568	250	Feb. 23
" "	Construction of a laboratory and a blood bank at the General Hospital in Buraidah	569	200	Feb. 24
" "	Construction of a surgery block at the General Hospital, Buraidah	575	150	March 1
" "	Construction of three administrative offices buildings in Al-Rass, Buraidah and Unaiyah	570	200	March 3
" "	Construction of an ideal mosque and a general switch board at Buraidah hospital	571	200	March 4
" "	Construction of a transformer chamber at Al-Rass/Al-Badaey	572	50	March 5
Directorate of Education, Medina	Construction of eight transformer chambers at schools in Medina district	200		March 25

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.371	3.3625
Pound Sterling	7.69	7.76	7.69
Deutsche Mark (100)	192.00	194.00	193.10
Swiss F (100)	205.00	210.00	207.10
French F (100)	82.00	83.00	82.50
Italian Lira (10,000)	42.00	40.50	41.90
Lebanese Lira (100)		102.20	102.00
Syrian Lira (100)		80.00	86.60
Egyptian Pound		4.52	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.34	12.34
Jordanian Dinar		11.48	11.45
Emirates Dirham (100)		90.10	90.10
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.65	91.65
Bahraini Dinar		8.95	8.95
Iranian Riyal (100)		25.00	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		10.25	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.25	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)		85.00	90.00
Indian Rupee (100)		—	42.50
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Silver kg.		—	14.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.70	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.91	3.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	119.00	119.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	175.00	—	176.00
Spanish Peso		50.50	51.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)		81.50	—
Philippine Peso (1,000)		—	46.00
Singapore		—	1.58

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5.	Mercandien	O.C.E.	Ro Ro	20.2.80
6.	Transporter 2	Orr	Durra/Melon Seeds	19.2.80
8.	Maldiv Victory	O.C.Trade	Citrus Fruits	19.2.80
10.	Seiroco Universal	Star	Chicken/Eggs	19.2.80
13.	Concordia Taleb	Alsbah	Contr/Oil/Gen.	19.2.80
15.	Assalamah	El Hawi	Canned Preserves	18.2.80
18.	Achilles	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	12.2.80
20.	Mary Star 1	Gulf	Gen./Const. Mats	18.2.80
24.	Atlas	Baroom	Steel/Trucks	18.2.80
25.	Kota Mas	O.C.E.	Bagged Cement	14.2.80
38.	Maga	O.C.E.	Gen/Wire/Dry	20.2.80
39.	Raw Lines 1	Shobokshi	Lemon/B.Food	20.2.80
42.	Amstarisul	Alpha	General	14.2.80
Ro Ro	Nerlandia	Abdullah	Timber/Marble/Iron/Gen	16.2.80

2. RECENT ARRIVALS:

Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
World Lynx	O.C.E.	Abdullah	Bagged Barley	22.2.80
Nerlandia	O.C.E.	Abdullah	Contr./Load	20.2.80
Singapore	A.E.T.	Star	MTY Contrs.	20.2.80
Cosmopol Ace	A.E.T.	Star	Contrs/Trailer	20.2.80
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Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
Corona	Alsbah	Star	Plant Material	21.2.80
Phaedon II	BasAboud	Star	Bagged Cargo	21.2.80
Melafin universal	Star	Star	Chicken/Fruit	21.2.80
Juba	O.C.E.	Star	Apples	21.2.80
Mary Vining	A.E.T.	Star	Contrs/Loading MTYs	21.2.80
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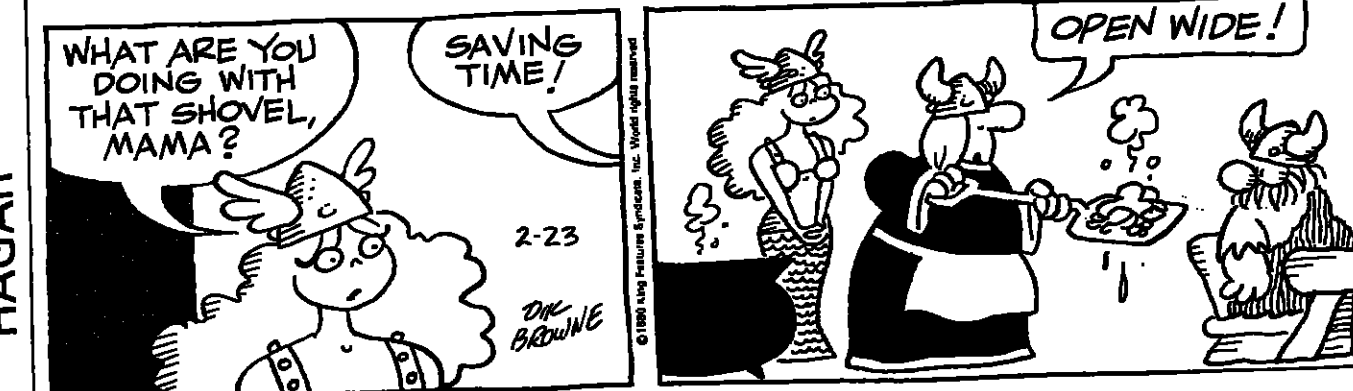
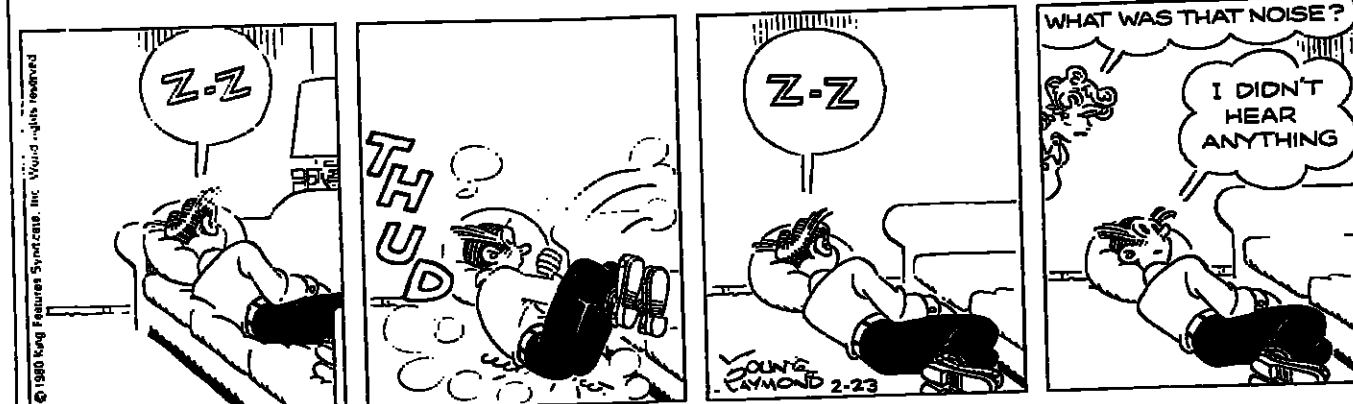
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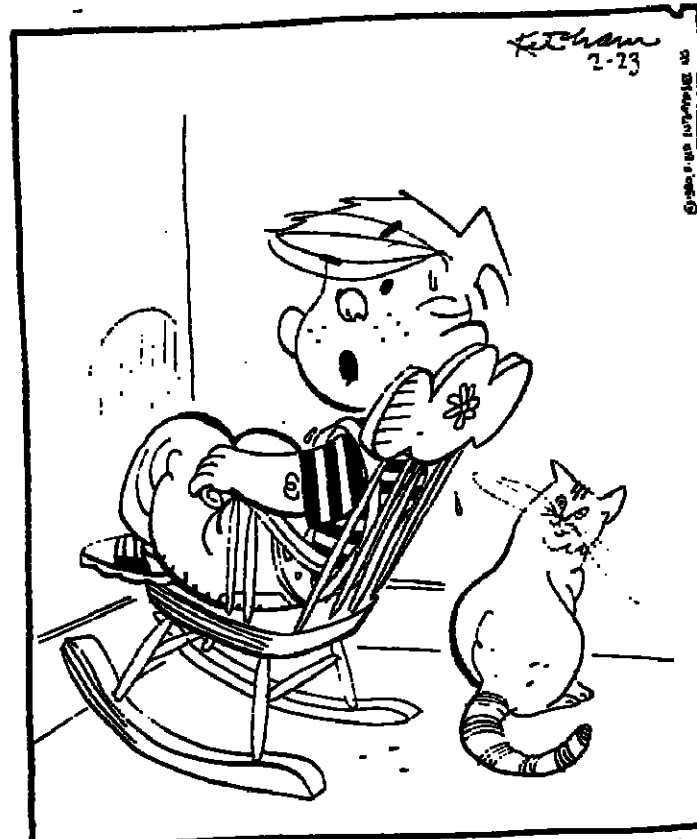
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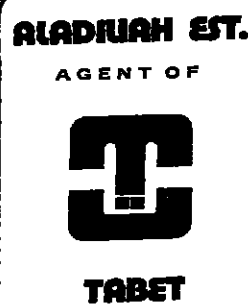
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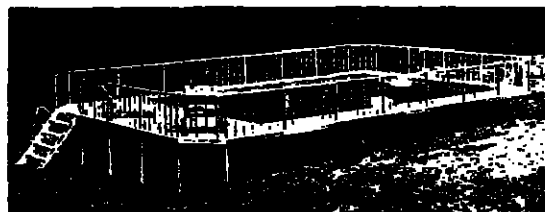
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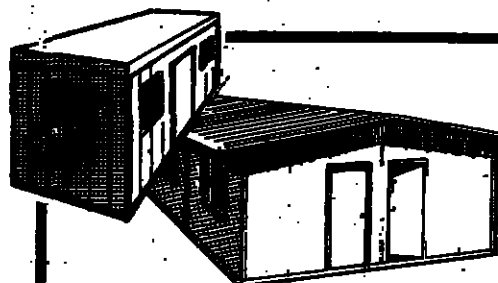


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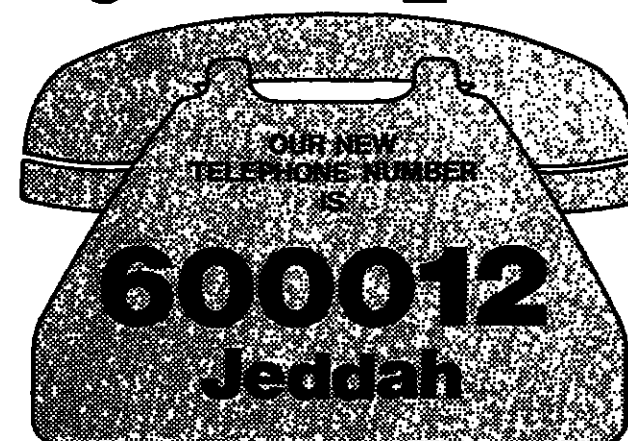
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Tito kept alive by kidney machine

Doctors offer little hope for recovery

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Feb. 22 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito's doctors confirmed Friday they were using a dialysis machine to keep him alive, but a top official said the government was not counting on his recovery.

"I hope he will recover, but we are aware that every man has to die," the official said. "Some die early, some die later," said the official who asked the limited number of reporters invited to speak with him not to identify him.

The government announced that foreign minister Josip Vrhovec had left Yugoslavia for Bangladesh and India, making at least part of a trip he cancelled last week because of Tito's illness.

Both the restricted press meeting and the Vrhovec disclosure seemed intended as signals that Yugoslavia's other leaders were proceeding with business without Tito.

An advisory appeared worded to avoid raising hopes that the long-predicted use of a dialysis device had alleviated the gravity of Tito's condition.

Tito's doctors on Feb. 13 conceded he was suffering heart weaknesses as well, but since then they have never mentioned the problem. "Owing to the weakened function of the

kidneys, chemodialysis has been successfully implemented in the past few days," Friday's bulletin said.

"Other intensive measures of treatment are being applied as well but the general state of health of President Tito is without substantial change." As a result of Tito's worsening condition, Yugoslav officials have disclosed that the No. 2 man in the country's state government has been allowed to make his own contacts with foreign governments.



Josip Broz Tito

Tito, a government spokesman said earlier, had become too ill this month even to sign messages he had earlier approved for sending to certain foreign leaders.

Spokesman Mirko Kalezic told the National News Agency Tanjug that Lazar Kolisevski had been authorized by Tito to relay the messages, and had also relayed some of his own.

It was the first time that Kolisevski, vice

president of Yugoslavia's nine-man collective state presidency, had taken on such authority while Tito was still in Yugoslavia.

The disclosure was widely seen as a Yugoslav effort to demonstrate that the collective leadership apparatus designed to run the country without Tito if necessary was functioning smoothly.

Kalezic said foreign Minister Josip Vrhovec passed Tito and Kolisevski messages to the Soviet, American, Cuban and Guinean ambassadors in Belgrade.

Vrhovec was to deliver yet another Tito message to Indian leader Indira Gandhi on a visit to her country. His trip to India and three other Asian countries was cancelled last week because of Tito's illness and no new dates have been disclosed.

Tanjug said the Tito messages expressed

the Yugoslav leaders concern about world problems and the decline of détente. Their wording reflected official Yugoslav concern over the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and East-West tensions over European arms arrangements.

Tito's doctors Thursday said his condition continued to be grave.

Tito's left leg was amputated Jan. 2 in a last-ditch effort to resolve a circulation blockage.

After what appeared to be near recovery from operation, he developed digestive, kidney and heart problems and has been seriously ill for at least 12 days.

Medical sources in Belgrade this week said that the limited information to the public on Tito's illness gave little reason for hope that he would survive.

For overseeing elections

Rhodesia to get U.N. team

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 22 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, with Britain's consent, will send a representative with supporting staff to Rhodesia in a day or two to observe the pre-independence election there next week, well placed sources said.

The informants, asking not to be identified, denied that the U.N. Security Council would have anything to do with the group. Council members emerging from private talks Wednesday night said the council had agreed to send a three-member observer mission to Rhodesia.

Tanzanian president Julius Nyerere, critical

of Britain's transitional administration in Rhodesia, asked Waldheim last week to visit there himself. U.N. Spokesman Rudolf Stauder said Tuesday that Britain's reaction was that while it would not consider a visit to Rhodesia by Waldheim appropriate, it would accept a U.N. observer there.

Britain's governing Rhodesia during the transition to internationally recognized independence detailed in the Lancaster House Agreement, which various Rhodesian factions including guerrilla groups signed in London last December.

Sir Anthony Parsons, Britain's U.N. ambassador, spent two hours in conference late Thursday with Waldheim and other U.N. officials.

At a news briefing here earlier, Tivivai John Kangai, U.N. observer for Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union, said the United Nations should send observers to Zimbabwe, or Rhodesia, "immediately" and they should stay there even after the election.

Kangai charged that Lord Soames, the British governor, had taken the vote away from large sections of the population of Rhodesia in areas where ZANU had the loyalty of a majority of the people.

Gold price drops in N.Y. trading

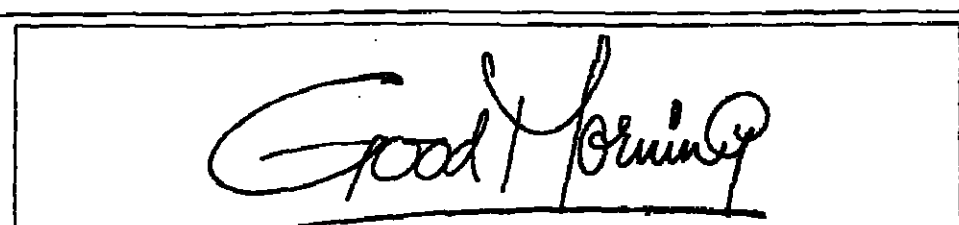
NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (AP) — The price of gold neared \$670 an ounce in Europe Thursday, but turned lower in late New York trading where profit-taking simmered it down to \$650. The U.S. dollar lost ground against the Canadian dollar and British pound.

Gold for February delivery dipped 5 dollars to \$656.50 on New York's Commodity Exchange and was off by 5 dollars to \$650 in Republic National Bank of New York trading.

It seems we're more or less in a new range for gold price, a New York Trader said, with a \$600 bottom and "good selling, good profit-taking" near \$680. The trader described bullion markets as "very cautious," adding "some people got destroyed" in the price retreat since January.

Friday's closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce.

London	632.50
Paris	638.07
Frankfurt	644.97
Zurich	637.50
Hong Kong	647.87



By Jihad Khazen

Years ago, more, in fact, than I care to remember, when I was an earnest school-boy, I began formulating a general theory to explain a certain staggering discrepancy, which I found so obvious as to need no proof, and to which no thinker seemed to address himself satisfactorily.

My theory was based on what probably happened during the "dark ages" — something I took rather literally then, as of a light being turned off, making everything go black all of a sudden — when someone, for a motive I couldn't fathom, suddenly took away all of the Arab nation as it existed then, the whole kith and caboodle, and stashed it somewhere away from sight. That same one then replaced it with a completely different nation — one which looked and sounded exactly like the original, but was totally and absolutely different.

My theory, and the modern generation of scholars is welcome to it, helped to account for the difference between the Arabs in their history — especially that glory-packed century or thereabouts between the death of the Prophet and the conquest of Spain — and the degraded present. It is as though some one made a huge fortune in a very short time, and has been frittering it away ever since. Or, as my theory would have it, it is as though someone found a fortune whose owner has disappeared, and set about spending it as though it was going out of fashion.

I remember that, to prove my theory, I

made some investigations into the similarities and differences between the Arabs of that time and those at present who, for some reason, claim that name. The result was the great discovery that, although whoever it was who made the switch was very clever indeed in making the two nations sound the same, there were in fact very important differences.

This was not merely the greatness of the rhetoric of the olden days, that conciseness and directness which contrasts so strangely with the billowing clouds of gas we have to endure in our time. It was also the spirit itself which shone through the speech. One of the great examples was that of Abu Bakr, the first Caliph, who, on accession, addressed the people simply thus, "It has been given to me to rule over you, though I am not your ruler. Obey me as long as I obey God and his prophet. Disobey me if I disobey."

Or that great leader who was speaking at length one day, and paused a while, proud of his ability, only to be interrupted by a man from the people, who told him that brevity is the chiefest of rhetorical virtues. The orator asked the man, "What then is bad speech?" To which the man immediately answered, "What you have been dishing us up to now."

So why aren't Arabs these days like before in the old days, frank and not full of hypocrisy, because they would be thrown in jail, or even worse.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awasir

To U.N. Commission

Iran gives go-ahead signal

GENEVA, Switzerland, Feb. 22 (AP) — The United Nations commission set up to investigate Iranian grievances against the former Shah has been given the go-ahead to leave Geneva for Tehran Saturday, an Iranian official said Friday.

The official, who declined to be named, said he received the news by telephone Friday afternoon from Mostafa Dabiri, Charge D'Affaires at the Iranian mission here.

He quoted Dabiri as saying Iranian authorities had "given the green light" for the U.N. chartered plane to leave here Saturday. It was unclear whether this meant U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim had also agreed to the departure. Waldheim is in New York.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, formally announcing the establishment of the commission on Wednesday, said it would hear Iran's grievances, and speak to American hostages, who are now in their 111th day of captivity in the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

The U.N. and the United States hope the panel's investigation will help bring the release of the hostages.

Three members of the commission, Andres Aguilar Mawdsley, former Venezuelan ambassador to Washington, Syrian President Adviser Abid Daoudi and Sri Lankan Lawyer Harry Jayewardene, met this morning at the U.N.'s European office here.

A U.N. spokesman said they expected later Friday to meet representatives of amnesty international, the London-based human

rights group, and representatives of an international catholic intellectual body.

Commission members heard Thursday about prison conditions in Iran under the Shah's rule from representatives of the international red cross committee.

Meanwhile violence flared in at least six cities throughout Iran Friday, killing five people and wounding hundreds.

The five died when a bomb exploded in the southwestern port of Khorramshahr, just before a political rally was due to start. Some 39 people were injured in the blast. The bomb went off just before Azam Taleghani, daughter of the former leader of the radical freedom fighter guerrilla movement, was to address the crowd.

Her father, radical Shi'ite clergyman Ayatollah Mohmmoul Taleghani, who headed the country's largest guerrilla group, died of a heart attack last September.

It was not known if the bomb blast was connected with a series of attacks on freedom fighter meetings in at least six cities throughout Iran Thursday where the official Pars news agency said hundreds of people were injured.

Groups of Muslim fundamentalists, known as Heshbollahi (members of the party of God), wielding fists, knives, clubs and stones, attacked the freedom fighters' rallies.

Clashes at Tehran university, where some 60,000 freedom-fighters were gathered, lasted for three hours. In the southern town of Shiraz over 60 people were detained in hospital after six hours of violence.

Among major European allies

Vance gains little Moscow boycott support

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance conceded at the end of a European tour that he failed to win unanimous backing among America's major allies for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

In London Thursday night after a swing that began Tuesday night in Bonn and then took him to Rome and Paris, Vance could count only Britain as a firm public backer of President Carter's decision to boycott the Moscow games because of the Soviet military move into Afghanistan.

The secretary encountered the stiffest opposition in Paris, where he had talks earlier in the day with French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet. France has staunchly opposed a boycott, arguing it would disrupt East-West détente, and Vance apparently failed to budge the French from that position.

At a brief news conference on the steps of the foreign office after conferring with British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, Vance refused to be drawn on the French point of view. He would only say,

"The French have not yet arrived at a final decision."

"I said I was seeking a coordinated response," the Secretary of State added, "not that everybody had to agree with the United States."

He described his talks over the past two days as "very useful" and said he found "general agreement on the nature of the (Soviet) threat and on the general objectives." But he added, "There are differences of opinion on how to carry them out."

Vance told reporters in Paris, "there was a great degree of similarity on the analysis and origins" of the situation in Afghanistan, "but some differences on actions remain." He refused to say what the differences were.

Despite the French opposition to a boycott of the Moscow Olympics, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter told reporters the United States has only just begun the process of enlisting backers for the boycott. "This is an idea that has come to a number of countries and that

number will grow," he predicted.

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has indicated his country will delay announcing any decision to join America in a boycott until May 19, the deadline to accept or reject the formal invitation from the Soviets to take part in the summer games.

Meanwhile, NBC, one of the three major commercial television networks in the United States, will "follow the policies of the U.S. government" in deciding whether to televise the Moscow summer Olympics, an NBC spokesman said.

"Nothing has been determined by the United States Olympic Committee and won't be until April," noted the spokesman, who preferred his name not be used. "Yet President Carter says definitively that we're not going. It's all up in the air."

The network won the broadcast rights for the Moscow Games for \$87 million. NBC is covered by Lloyds of London and other insurers for 90 percent of that outlay.

USOC intends to pick team for Summer Olympics

LAKE PLACID, New York, Feb. 22 (AP) — The head of the U.S. Olympics Committee said that, despite statements by the Carter administration, he did not consider the U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympics irrevocable.

And the committee says it still intends to pick a team for the summer games — if only to honor the young athletes who have trained so hard for Moscow.

Appearing Thursday on NBC-TV, USOC President Robert Kane said, "only the foolish and the dead say anything irrevocable."

"The games don't take place until the first part of August — conditions may change, and we hope that something will happen to permit our athletes to travel."

Carter, meanwhile, urged Americans to continue financial contributions to the

Olympic Committee, and the USOC said it would continue the business of selecting a squad of about 1,000 athletes from the estimated 10,000 who had hoped for a chance to win a medal in Moscow — archers, boxers, gymnasts, sprinters, swimmers and others.

Carter's call for a boycott came after the Soviet Union did not pull its troops out of Afghanistan by his Wednesday deadline.



VEHICLE BURNS: Spectators cautiously view a burning vehicle in the streets of San Salvador after a small group of high school students and national police exchanged gun-fire. Roving crowds then set fire to trucks and cars as police patrolled the center of town.

San Salvador major claims

Government officials linked to Leftists

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Feb. 22 (AP) — An army major has accused two government officials of being linked to Leftist guerrillas fighting for control of the nation.

The officials denied the allegations and said they would take Maj. Alberto D'Aubisson, a former security forces intelligence chief, before the attorney general for defaming them.

In a television program late Wednesday, D'Aubisson claimed vice Minister of Agriculture Alberto Villacoria was an active member of the Popular Liberation Forces. He also alleged that Mario Zamora Rivas, director of services for the poor, was a "bridge" between the Christian Democratic Party, which has two of the three civilians on the five-man junta, and Leftist Guerrillas.

A source in the presidential palace, asking not to be identified, said D'Aubisson's allegations "we think is part of a plot to overthrow the government."

That remark was the first mention by a government official about a possible coup from the right, although there have been

numerous rumors that one is imminent.

At least one bomb exploded in the capital during the night, and sporadic shooting was heard.

Meanwhile, guerrillas opposed to El Salvador's four-month-old junta ambushed a truckload of national police on a rural road after dark, killing one officer and wounding four others, police said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack Wednesday near Sonsonate, about 60 kms west of the capital. It was not known if the attackers were killed or wounded.

Authorities said about 25 guerrillas opened fire with machine guns as the truck traveled down the road. They did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, the Popular Revolutionary Bloc, largest of El Salvador's leftist groups, continued its occupation of an education ministry office, holding an estimated 100 persons hostage.

The office was seized Monday and the militants are demanding the release of politi-

cal prisoners.

A previously unheard of rightist group claimed responsibility for the bombing Tuesday of a radio transmitter used by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Salvador and another bombing at a Jesuit University.

In a message to news media, the Central American anti-Communist Front said it planted the bombs but did not say why the religious facilities were targeted.

Authorities speculated the bomb was placed at one transmitter because Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero is sympathetic to Leftist causes. But they offered no explanation for the motives behind the bombing of the Jesuit library.

Informed sources said the Front is a new group and probably was formed by rightists to counter the leftward political drift taken by the junta that deposed President Carlos Humberto Romero in a coup Oct. 15.

The left is fighting to impose a Marxist government in this tiny Central American nation of 4.5 million people. Hundreds have died in political violence in the last year.

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The United States would vote in favor of the proposed British resolution in the Security Council, but the president would be able to tell Jewish Americans that the initiative was an international one, and not his own.

Israel has already expressed its strong opposition to the proposed British initiative. The Begin government wants to keep the European countries out of the Middle East peace process, because it does not trust their motives and cannot exert the kind of pressure on them that it exercises in the United States.

Egypt, on the other hand, favors the British move. President Anwar Sadat sees progress on the Palestinian question as an essential step toward restoring his credibility both at home and in the rest of the world.

Sources say the British government is anxious to begin playing a major role in the Middle East peace process, but has been reluctant to undertake any initiative without first securing American approval.

Earlier Thursday Israeli Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin accused Britain of trying to disrupt the Israeli-Egyptian peace process by

making a diplomatic initiative to "placate" the PLO, Reuters reported.

In an address to the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, professor Yadin joined the growing chorus of Israeli resentment over British ideas on creating a revised version of Resolution 242, the standard United Nations formula for Middle East peace.

"Britain did not support Camp David (the Camp David summit accord of 1978) and is now trying to disrupt the peace process," he claimed.

Opposition to the British idea was expressed earlier this week by Prime Minister Menachem Begin who, according to Israeli officials, complained about it to the retiring British ambassador to Israel, Sir John Mason.

Among other senior officials who have attacked the plan was Yosef Clechanover, the foreign ministry director-general who was meeting in London Thursday with Israeli ambassadors from all over Europe. A main subject of the meeting, according to officials in Tel Aviv, was to devise a counter-strategy

to the British plan.

The British sponsored Resolution 242 after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Leading Arab countries accepted it because it specified Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab land.

Israel accepted it because the resolution did not state clearly just how much Arab land should be given up and because it spoke of the right of all Middle East states to live within "secure and recognized boundaries."

The Palestine Liberation Organization did not accept the resolution because it made no reference to the Palestinian question beyond a brief call for "a just settlement of the refugee problem."

The British proposal as understood by Israeli officials, is to introduce new wording making a clear reference to the right of Palestinians to determine their own future.

The Israeli fear is that such a revision could induce the PLO leadership to embrace the resolution as a whole and thereby open the way for a United States-Palestinian dialogue.

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